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Martin Luther King Slain

MLK JR. Timeline



Born in Atlanta, Ga.

Jan. 15, 1929

Begins preaching at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church

1954

Visits India; King had a lifelong admiration for Mohandas K. Gandhi

1959

Leads Birmingham protests, arrested for defying a court order, delivers the famous "I Have a Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial

1963

King and 3,200 people march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

1965

Marries Coretta Scott, and they later have four children

1953

President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference

1957

Pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church

1960

Wins Nobel Peace Prize

1964

King is assassinated in Memphis, Tenn. by James Earl Ray

April 4, 1968

The first national celebration of King's birthday as a holiday

Jan. 20, 1986

Source: The Seattle Times

...ed immediately with expressions of grief, Vice-President Hubert Humphrey interrupted a speech to comment on the slaying, saying "This act brings shame to our country."
"He was an apostle of non-violence who was the victim of violence," Humphrey said.
President Johnson postponed his trip to Honolulu to discuss the Vietnam war and made a statement saying, "I know that every man of good will joins me in mourning the death of the outstanding leader and in hoping we achieve peace and freedom through the land."
Johnson also called on Americans "to reject the blind violence that has taken Mr. King, who lived by non-violence."
The New York office of the FBI said it was "not possible to determine whether the slaying was a premeditated murder or the result of a spontaneous outburst of violence."
The slaying occurred on the steps of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tenn., at 2:50 p.m. on the afternoon of April 4, 1968. King was returning to his motel room after a day of work. He was shot in the back by a sniper's bullet that struck him in the lower back, just above the buttocks. He fell to the ground and died about a block from the motel. The assassin was never identified.

Remembering the King

The University and community have a week of events planned to remember Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Lindsay Buchele and Lisa Toth
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While corporations debate about recognizing the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, set for Monday, the University and community will spend an entire week focusing on the civil rights leader and his message.

The commemoration events begin Saturday and continue through Jan. 19, and will promote historical awareness about King and the future of civil rights.

"The day is to be a celebration, but it is also a day of action," said Kim Hutchinson, resource coordinator for the Black Student Union. "People need to come together as a community to recognize their differences."

Hutchinson said people need to recognize past civil rights accomplishments and be aware of this generation's efforts, led by organizations such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and leaders such as the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Event highlights will include a march and speeches by Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey, economist Dr. Julianne Malveaux and University professor Robin Morris-Collin.

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ASUO election date uncertain

The Executive has appointed an elections coordinator, but there is not yet an official timeline for the upcoming student election

By Emily Gust
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Members of the ASUO know this year's student election is coming, but no one is completely sure when it will happen.

Former student senator Shantell Rice became elections coordinator after the Student Senate approved her appointment Wednesday night. She's taking over an election system that is already behind schedule, compared to last year.

The crucial dates for the election couldn't be set until the coordinator was hired, which didn't happen fall term. ASUO President Jay Breslow appointed a coordinator about a month into fall term, but the person resigned before the senate could confirm the appointment. Breslow said the issue then got lost when the national election season began.

Rice's appointment is the only progress that Breslow and Vice President Holly Magner have made toward the election. Deadlines for when candidates must file, ballot measures must be complete and the primary and general elections will be held are still in limbo.

But not only is there no timeline, there is no elections board. The four-person group is appointed by the coordinator and must be approved by the senate. Board members will assist in election preparations and help Rice with the crucial job of interpreting ASUO election rules.

"Hopefully [we can get] some experienced people for the short timeline," Breslow said. He added that Rice's previous government experience on the senate and the Programs Finance Committee will help with the current time crunch.

"She's proved herself as fair but a stickler for the rules," Breslow said.

At this time last year, the board had already established a timeline. ASUO

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“We have to do it. We have to have the election pulled together.”

Jay Breslow
ASUO
President



University strives to preserve American Indian languages

The Yamada Center and the linguistics department sponsor a program that teaches a variety of American Indian languages

By Brooke Ross
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A University program is helping people remember their oral heritage through classes in language analysis so they can retain their place in the world by holding on to their past.

Faculty and staff in the linguistics department and the Yamada Language Center are attempting to preserve Native American languages that are in jeopardy of becoming forgotten after more generations of American Indians have grown up only knowing English.

"The situation is definitely

drastic," said Scott Delancey, professor of linguistics and director of the Northwest Indian Language Institute. "It's not just developing on the horizon—it's here."

Both the University and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, a 4,000-member tribal community in Central Oregon, are taking steps to solve this problem. The linguistics department and the Yamada Center sponsor a three-week-long program, taught by NILI, in which participants learn language analysis, language teaching methods and how to use linguistic materials. The program covers a variety of American Indian

languages.

Delancey said there are few American Indians younger than 50 years old who can speak their native languages, because the generation before them was forced to attend boarding schools from the 1800s to the 1950s and only learned English.

"Unfortunately, language is survived from being transmitted from one generation to the next," he said, adding the few adults who do know a tribal language were probably raised by their grandparents.

He said at one time there were 25 American Indian languages,

but now there are only six that still have speakers younger than 70 years old.

Myra Shawaway, director of the culture and heritage department for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, said there has been a serious decline of American Indian languages in recent years.

"The language was taken away from the people, and promotion of the English language has turned our language into a dying language," she said.

Shawaway said all languages

“The situation is definitely drastic.”

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