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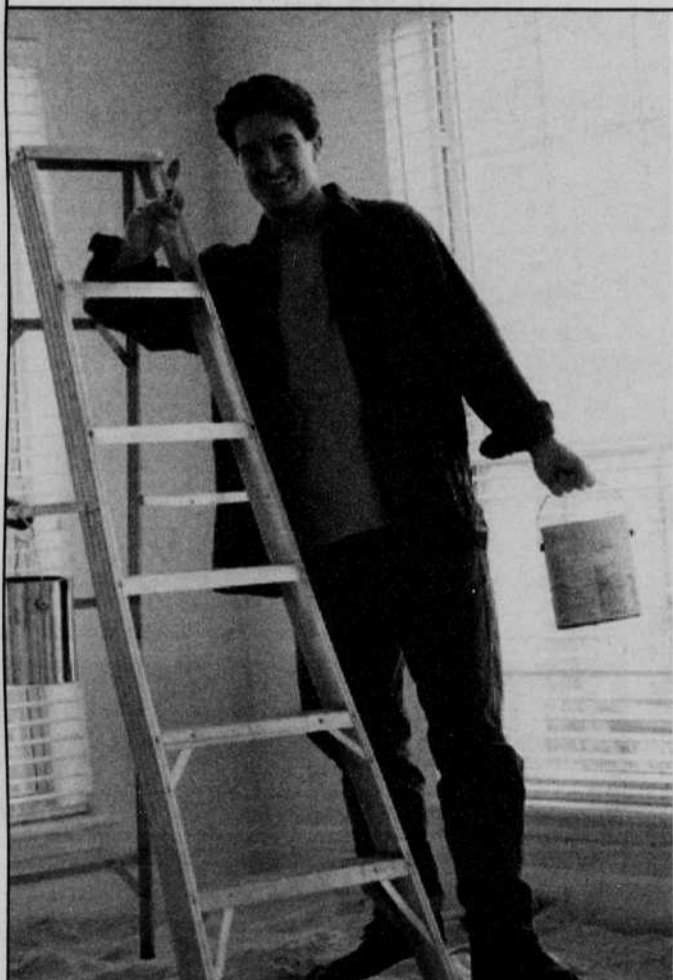
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### 'THE DREAM TODAY' CELEBRATION

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, University classes are canceled Monday, Jan. 17. The University is sponsoring a week-long celebration called "The Dream Today."

**Monday, Jan. 17**

- Noted author and journalist Bebe Moore Campbell will be delivering a keynote address entitled "Celebrating Diversity Through Shared Humanity." Campbell is a recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts literature grant and is the author of three best-selling books. She has written articles for The New York Times Magazine, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, Essence, Ebony and Black Enterprise. She is a regular commentator for National Public Radio's "Morning Edition." The address will be at 6 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public.

**Tuesday, Jan. 18**

- The Black Student Union is hosting a unity celebration and a candlelight vigil with featured speaker Carla Gary. The event is taking place in the Gerlinger Lounge at 6 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 19**

- A workshop titled "The State of Campus Diversity," hosted by the Faculty and Staff of Color Coalition. The workshop is in the Ben Linder Room in the EMU from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 20**

- A multiracial/mixed heritage panel with Naomi Zack, Fiona Ngo, Erin O'Brien, Tomas Hulick Baiza and others. The event will be in the EMU Women's Center from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 26**

- An event titled "Community Conversations," hosted by the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity, in the EMU Walnut Room from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Jan. 27**

- A public awards reception honoring the four recipients of the 2005 Martin Luther King Jr. Award. The award recognized University faculty and staff who honor King's legacy by promoting an inspiring and inclusive atmosphere for colleagues and students, Frohnmayer said. The reception will be in the Gerlinger Hall Alumni Lounge from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Diversity: University students claim racism under the radar

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who are always getting hurt by it and feel it every day," he said.

Sophomore pre-business administration student Jael Anker-Lagos echoed Lu's sentiments.

"Whether or not people notice, minority students don't always feel comfortable," she said. "We are used to a different culture. We come here to learn, not feel out of place."

Chang had mixed feelings about diversity and racism on campus. Some of the things that are potentially the most hurtful are also the things that she has gotten used to laughing off or taking as jokes.

"My friends would joke around that I only got into college because I'm Asian, and I was used to it," Chang said. "But I realized it's things like that that are out there and are a big deal."

Lu also pointed out the lack of faculty of color, especially among those who have tenure.

"There aren't many professors of color," Lu said. "And that's a big deal. But you can't always blame the University. There isn't the ability for students of color to have equal access, and until there is, there will be a lack of people of color on campus."

While most agree that racism and diversity are huge problems without any concrete answers or clear solutions, there are small steps that can be taken every day.

"Just notice. If you start noticing every day, it will be a part of personal growth and making a difference," Lu said. "A white person can't speak for a person of color, but they can be their ally. You can speak up for a person, but don't try to be his voice."

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