OSU plans tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr.

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A candlelight vigil, films and a "peace walk" through Corvallis are some of the highlights of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration '97 from January 15-21 at Oregon State University.

Activities are open to the public and most are free. The university will cancel classes on January 20 to allow students and staff to join the tribute.

Lawrence Dark, president and chief executive officer of the Urban League Breakfast, scheduled from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Monday, January 20, in the university's Memorial Union Ballroom.

Breakfast tickets will be available at the door on January 20, or at the Memorial Union Business Office cashier's window through Friday, January 17. Tickets are \$6.50 each, or \$4.50 for students.

Planned activities include: Thursday, January 16, 7 p.m.: Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratory Contest focusing on King's commitment to making a better life for all people. LaSells Stewart Cen-

Saturday, January 18, All day: Signing of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Pledge Wall in OSU's Memorial Union Concourse. Supporters sign the pledge wall to affirm their belief in non-violent social change, equality, justice, freedom and peace. Wall will stand and signing will continue through Friday, January 23.

5 p.m.: Martin Luther King Celebration, honoring justice through music, drama and dance. MU Ball-

Monday, January 20, All day: Work-a-Thon at various community organizations. Register at the Black Cultural Center. Volunteers donate services in honor of King's philosophy that a person's worth is measured by commitment to making a better life for all. Contact the center at 541-737-4372 for information.

7:30 a.m.: 15th annual OSU

Peace Breakfast, featuring Lawrence Dark, president and chief executive officer of the Urban League of Portland. MU Ballroom. Tickets are \$6.50, \$4.50 for students.

1-5 p.m.: "Starpower", an interactive game simulating a society. Wealth and commerce play a major role in a person's success. MU Ballroom. Advance registration is required. Contact Dona Heyden, OSU College of Science at interpreter, call by January 16th. 6:30 p.m.: Candlelight Vigil.

MU Quad. Bring your own candles. 7 p.m.: Round Table Discussion. Issues important to King will be discussed. Facilitator is LaVerne Woods, OSU Equal Opportunities Program counselor.

Tuesday, January 21, 4 p.m.: The video, "Color of Fear", will be shown and will be followed by a discussion led by Larry Roper, OSU vice provost for Student Affairs. OSU International Forum.

Time Warner to publish MLK works

Time Warner Inc. has signed a publishing deal with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s family to produce the first complete collection of the slain civil rights leader's writings, speeches and sermons.

Warner Books, which announced the agreement Wednesday, said the deal was worth millions of dollars but declined to be more specific.

The project will comprise seven works, including an autobiography of King compiled from his own words, an Internet site and a CD-ROM. King's widow, Coretta Scott King, and son Dexter will write books. There also will be a book of King's sermons and audio recordings of his speeches.

"My book will illuminate the joys and sorrows, the highs and lows, triumphs and tragedies I've experienced in my journey," Mrs. King said at a news conference announcing the venture.

Mrs. King, left with four children

to raise when her husband was assassinated on April 4, 1968, is founder of the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change in At-

In her book, she will share revelations about meetings with world leaders like South African President Nelson Mandela and former Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev. Dexter King, now head of the King Center, will write about memories of his father and his own efforts at social change.

Stanford University historian and editor Clayborne Carson will craft

the King autobiography

The publishing agreement includes Intellectual Properties Management, the Atlanta-based firm that manages the King estate. The King Center, which holds several hundred thousand documents on the civil rights movement, will maintain the copyrights to King's words.

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