

PSU Hosts Week of Service Days

NPR Journalist to give keynote

On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, many folks have come to enjoy a day off, but not if Portland State University has anything to do with it.

The college will mark the Monday, Jan. 17 holiday with a day on rather than a day off, kicking off a series of public service events which will mark a weeklong series themed, "Fostering Unity in a Cultural Divide" to celebrate, remember, inform, and inspire the life and legacy of the great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The week will also be highlighted by a keynote address by Michele Norris, host of NPR's All Things Considered, author

Sisters Talking," is an open discussion on issues facing the African American communities of PSU and the greater Portland metropolitan area, sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha and Alpha Kappa Alpha. Later that evening, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. will be the screening of the documentary: "Living with Pride: Ruth Ellis at 100."

Sponsored by the Queer Resource Center, the free presentation continues the tradition of spotlighting stories of marginalized Americans who passionately contributed to the success of the civil rights movement in thought and deed." Ruth Ellis discovered her lesbian self

NPR, Norris was a correspondent for ABC News and has reported for national media outlets like the Washington Post and Los Angeles Times. The ceremony will take place in the Smith Memorial ballroom. The Woodlawn Elementary School Dancers and Highland Choir will perform. Admission is \$10 for the general public and free to students.

On Friday, Jan. 21, from

noon to 2 p.m., the Multicultural Center will host the documentary: Dare Not Walk Alone, a film that has received national acclaim as "a triumph of courage and empathy" and the "greatest civil rights story never told." A powerful capture of turbulent times in American history, this documentary places the heroic struggle for civil rights in the context of current condi-

tions and future hopes. Admission is free

Later Friday at 6 p.m., "In the Mix: Student Performances" will profile and showcase the hidden or unknown talents of PSU students in the performing arts. Social justice messaging will punctuate the array of spoken word deliveries, musical renditions, small street theater dance, and songs in the key of life.



Michele Norris, host of NPR's All Things Considered.

of The Grace of Silence and 2009 Black Journalist of the Year.

On Monday, Jan. 17, from noon to 1:30 p.m., PSU Student Leaders for Service will host a free event with a plethora of community service projects performed by PSU and other metro area college students, meeting first at the Portland State Multicultural Center in the Smith Memorial Student Union.

On Tuesday, Jan. 18, from noon to 1:30 p.m., "College Athletics; Minority Participation, Marketing Symbols and NCAA Governance," a free forum focusing on the socio-economics of modern college sports, its impact on race and community relations, is held in the Multicultural Center.

On Wednesday, Jan. 19, from noon to 1:30 p.m., also at the Multicultural Center, "Conversation Circle: Brothers and

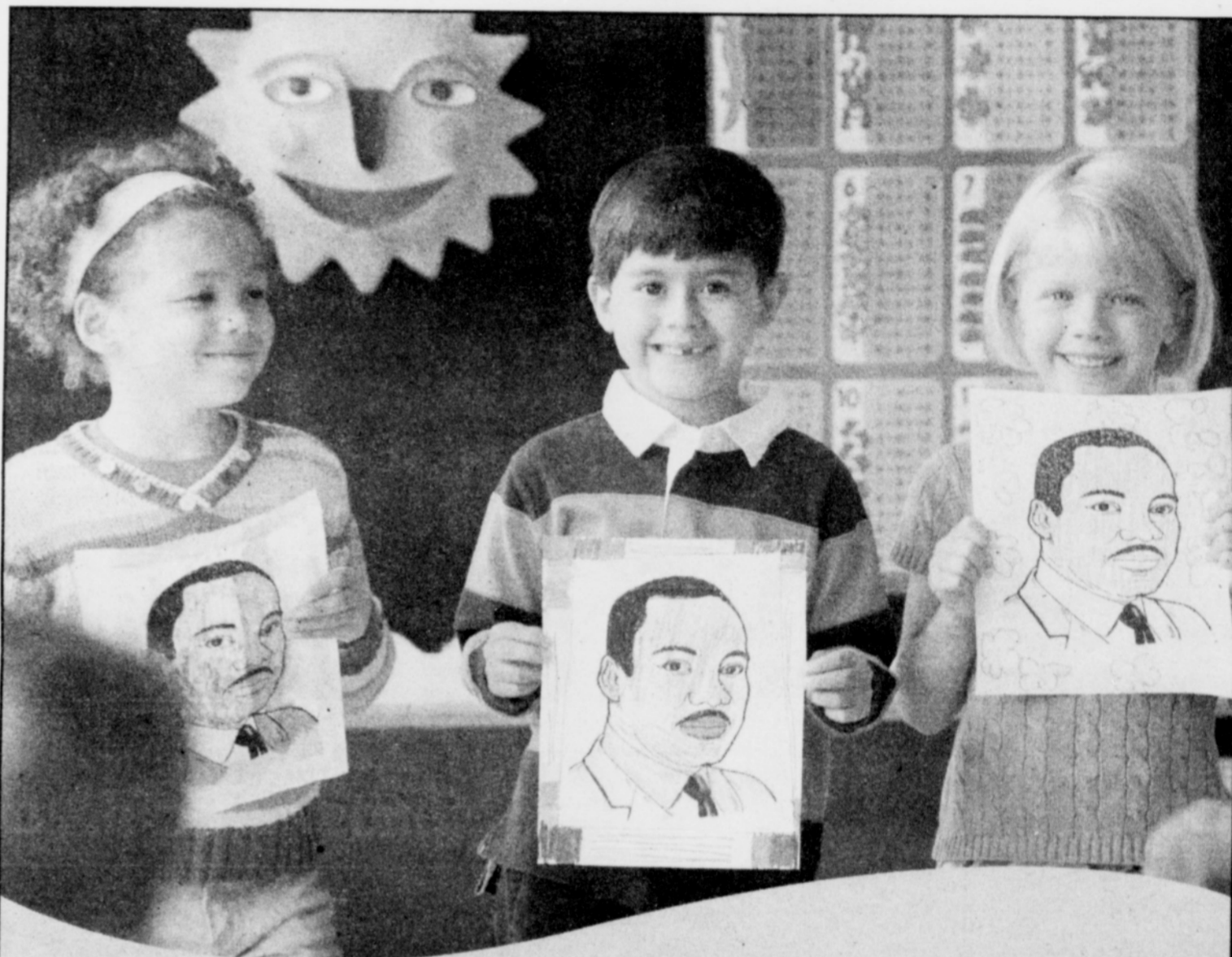
in 1919 and was an inspirational figure for both the women's and civil rights movements.

On Thursday, Jan. 20, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, there will be an interactive session between students on Race and Media Matters. The event will tackle the thorny issue of racial disparities and depictions in both the old and new media.

Later Thursday night, students and the public are invited to join a stellar panel of media experts including Oregon Public Broadcasting President Steve Bass and KPTV reporter Tony Martinez for a lively discussion.

The event from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. will feature a keynote address from Michele Norris of National Public Radio and host of the newsmagazine All Things Considered.

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