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Civil Rights: Then and Now

Almost a year to the day after Reverend Joseph Lowery delivered the benediction at President Obama's inauguration, he spoke to Ball State University and the Muncie community. His speech, *Civil Rights: Now and Then*, covered his more than 50 years of civil rights activism.

The civil rights leader addressed a wide variety of topics, from the struggle of equality for African-Americans to the importance of love instead of hate. As he spoke about the mission of the Civil Rights Movement and his work with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. he reminded the audience of the true mission. "We did not seek to defeat white people, we sought to gain the humanness and constitutional rights guaranteed to us."

He also shared his thoughts on the distribution of wealth in the United States. "It's a shame when a handful of

people have more than they will ever need, and a multitude of people have less than they always need." He attributed much of this to the struggle still faced by African-Americans more than 50 years after the Civil Rights Movement began.

When he was asked how it was possible to live through all of these events and not hate white people, Reverend Lowery responded, "People have to be taught to hate. It's much easier to love."

He was able to insert comedy into his speech to keep the tone serious, yet personal. "Let me tell you two things about getting older," he advised the crowd. "One, you start to forget things, and two...two...two." Reverend Lowery ended his speech with three, increasingly enthusiastic words for his late friend, "Happy Birthday Martin,

Happy Birthday Martin, Happy Birthday Martin!"

The Multicultural Center would like to thank The Voices of Triumph for opening and closing the ceremony with song and the Office of Institutional Diversity for their co-sponsorship of the program. Reverend Jesse Jackson will be speaking on Wednesday, February 10 in Emens Auditorium at 7pm.



Rev. Joseph Lowery with the Assistant Director of the Multicultural Center, MarTeze Hammonds.

MLK Unity March

Despite the cold, over 100 students and community members participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity March. The procession began at the Multicultural Center with a blessing from Pastor Larry Carther, a local preacher.

The marchers headed north on McKinley Ave to Riverside

Ave. As group members walked arm in arm they began singing, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," also known as the Black National Anthem. They also sang, "We Shall Overcome" before they sang Happy Birthday to Dr. King.

Upon return to the Multicultural Center, Pastor Howard, another local

preacher, gave a closing prayer. The march exceeded expectations and was a great show of community between Ball State University students and the Muncie citizens. The Multicultural Center would like to thank the Ball State University police for their help in closing off McKinley and its cross streets to keep participants of the march safe.

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Culture Shock: Unity Week 2010

Cultural awareness was the focus on Ball State's campus from January 14 through January 23. The 10 days included a wide variety of programs and speakers aimed at uniting the student body and making them more aware of those who may not be the same as them.

Music of the Civil Rights Era kicked off the events on Thursday, January 14 at Sursa Hall and featured Voices of Triumph, a choir committed to singing God's praise.

Monday, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day held a variety of events for students and community members. The day started with a breakfast at where former Indiana House of Representatives member, Hurley Goodall, spoke of how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day came to be a

holiday in the state of Indiana. The event was followed by "A Day of Service" volunteer projects sponsored by Ball State University's Student Voluntary Services department. Later in the day, over 100 people walked in the Unity March followed by a church service at Union Missionary Baptist Church.

The following day was highlighted by two campus events, "Diversity in the Workplace," and the speech by civil rights activist, Reverend Joseph Lowery.

Wednesday, Family Feud: Diversity Edition was held. The event mixed the iconic game show with issues in diversity to

create an energetic and educational event. Andrew Marin, a minister and the creator of the Marin Foundation, a Chicago-based group focused on connecting the GLBT and religious communities, spoke in Pruis Hall Thursday night. His speech focused on the message that neither group will ever completely agree with the other side; common ground must be found in order for the two sides to work together.

On Friday, students participated in dance lessons through "The Baile" in the Student Center.

The week of events concluded on Saturday with the annual Unity Pageant where Jenika Garetson and Troy McElvaney were named Miss and Mister Unity 2010.



Students stay warm before Monday's MLK Day Unity March.

Monthly Events: Perspectives and The Heritage Film Series

On Wednesday, February 17, the Multicultural Center will host its monthly Perspectives discussion. This month the focus will be on multi-ethnic students.

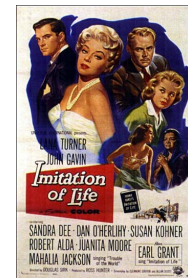
Jacquelyn Velken, a multi-ethnic student at Ball State University and a member of the panel said, "This is an important topic because I think that within the University many students want to find somewhat of a niche . . . really students need to also interact with students that are not in any way like them to gain more knowledge and become of aware of the real world."

The event will be held in the Malcolm X Library in the Multicultural Center at 3pm. To receive more information, please contact us at mc2@bsu.edu or (765) 285-1344.

The Heritage Film Series will show its first movie of 2010 on Wednesday, February 24 at 7pm in Pruis Hall. The film, *Imitation of Life*, will be shown.

In the film set in 1947, a Black, homeless woman, Annie, and her light-skinned daughter, Sarah Jane, move in with a white woman, Lora, and her daughter. Annie works as a maid in

return for food and lodging. The lives of everybody in the apartment change as Lora begins to make it as an actress. While her daughter feels abandoned, Sarah Jane tries to pass as white instead of black.



Minority Career Prep

Ball State University's Multicultural Center and Career Center will be partnering to offer minority students an opportunity to build the skills necessary to obtain a job or internship.

This will begin with a review session of the information presented through last semester's "Minority Career Prep Series." The session will take place on February 17 at 5pm. The session will be held in room 303 of the Student Center.

This session will cover the essentials a student needs to know to make a great first impression for a potential employer. Resume tips, professional dress, and body language will be some of the topics covered.

Immediately following the review session, the partnership will present the Minority Networking Reception from 6pm until 7pm. The reception will also be held in room 303 in the Student Center.

The Minority Networking Reception will include local professionals and alumni. If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP by Monday, February 8 to the Multicultural Center through email: mc2@bsu.edu, phone: (765) 285-1344, or Facebook: Multi Cultural Center. Please include your full name, major, minor, class, email address, phone number, and anticipated graduation date in your RSVP.

Multicultural Events Calendar

Date/Time	Event	Location/Sponsor
2/3/2010 12—1pm	Culture Exchange: Romania Anca-Marie Topliceanu	Phyllis Yuhas Room, Student Center 102 <i>Sponsored by the Rinker Center for International Programs</i>
2/5/2010 7pm	Project Haiti	Student Center Ballroom
2/9/2010 6pm	Résumé From Scratch	Student Center Pineshelf Room <i>Co-sponsored by the Multicultural Center and the Career Center</i>
2/10/2010 12—1pm	Culture Exchange: Malaysia Deborah Hoe	Phyllis Yuhas Room, Student Center 102 <i>Sponsored by the Rinker Center for International Programs</i>
2/10/2010 7pm	Reverend Jesse Jackson: “How Are We Living the Legacy?”	Emens Auditorium <i>Sponsored by Excellence in Leadership Program, Student Government Association, Black Student Association, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Multicultural Center, Office of Institutional Diversity, University Program Board, Housing and Residence Life, Department of Sociology, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Department of Political Science, and Freshman Connections</i>
2/11/2010 6—8pm	Black Love	The Student Center Tally <i>Co-Sponsored by the Multicultural Center, the Black Student Association, and Poetic Summit</i>
2/17/2010 12—1pm	Culture Exchange: Vietnam Hanh Nguyen	Phyllis Yuhas Room, Student Center 102 <i>Sponsored by the Rinker Center for International Programs</i>
2/17/2010 3pm	Perspectives Discussion: Two Worlds: Campus Life for Multi-Ethnic students	Multicultural Center <i>Sponsored by the Multicultural Center</i>
2/17/2010 5—6pm	Minority Career Prep Series: Catch All Workshop	Student Center 303 <i>Co-sponsored by the Multicultural Center and the Career Center</i>
2/17/2010 6—7pm	Minority Networking Reception	Student Center 303 <i>Co-Sponsored by the Career Center and the Multicultural Center</i>
2/18/2010 6pm	Motown Legend’s Ball	Alumni Center <i>Sponsored by the Black Student Association</i>
2/20/2010 7pm	Back in Black Fashion Show <i>Jazz and Refreshments at 6pm</i>	Pruis Hall <i>Sponsored by the Black Student Association</i>
2/22/2010 7pm	Gospel Explosion	Pruis Hall <i>Sponsored by the Black Student Association</i>
2/23/2010 TBD	Community Service	YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, or Irving Gym <i>Sponsored by the Black Student Association</i>
2/24/2010 12—1pm	Culture Exchange: Spain Lucia Bustabad-Lagoa	Phyllis Yuhas Room, Student Center 102 <i>Sponsored by the Rinker Center for International Programs</i>
2/24/2010 7pm	Heritage Film Series: <i>Imitation of Life</i>	Pruis Hall <i>Sponsored by the Multicultural Center and the Division of Student Affairs</i>