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Sam Fulwood III

'Behind the Rage of Black America'

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According to Sam Fulwood III, there is rage in America. His speech, titled "Behind the Rage of Black America" was given Monday, January 16 in the Reed Lecture Hall.

Fulwood said he thinks that Americans feel African-Americans have "come a bit too far." He said that African-Americans have to work twice as hard to get half the recognition and sometimes people "sellout" just to get ahead.

Others, according to Fulwood, wonder what the use is of giving up who you are when others are not willing to accept it.

The civil rights movement has opened doors, Fulwood remarked in his speech. He added that those doors have opened, resulting in what has been accomplished and what is yet to be accomplished.

The legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. is remembered on January 15 and observed the following Monday.

Fulwood said that King has



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become part of American history and has helped the struggle of diversity.

King's dream was to spread equality to include everyone, but



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MLK DAY: During the Monday celebration, (left) Sam Fulwood III spoke out about the 'Rage of Black America'. Above, Wayne Middle School Chorus lifted their voices to sing for Martin Luther King, Jr.

Fulwood said he feels there is still a persistence of racism in our society.

Fulwood said he grew up thinking questions of race were

not important. He said that Martin Luther King strived to ensure that race would not matter and unfortunately, his dream has yet to become reality.

According to him, there is rage in America as fear shapes or misshapes the future. He said

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Campus-wide birthday celebration

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The Martin Luther King, Jr. Campus-Wide Birthday Celebration was held on Monday at 4:00 in Erie Hall. A large crowd was on hand to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday and recognize his work in civil rights.

Provost and Dean Dr. John M. Lilley gave the opening remarks.

He stressed that everyone would be better off if love rather than hate prevailed. He also stated that the world would be a better place if non-violent solutions were adopted as opposed to violent ones.

Ms. Jacquett Wade, the coordinator of the event and the Residence Life and Human Relations Program director, gave a welcoming speech in which she spoke about the civil rights

movement and its leaders. The Wayne Middle School Chorus followed Ms. Wade's speech with a song titled, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Ms. Jamie Rossi, a Human Relations intern and coordinator of the event, introduced a skit called "Before and After a King," which was narrated by Marcos Lopez and performed by various students and staff members. The skit contained two parts. The

first portion portrayed what society was like in the South prior to Dr. King's work. The second part depicted a non-segregated situation that fell in line with what Dr. King wanted.

The Wayne Middle School Chorus then sang another selection titled, "Oh Freedom!" Their contribution to the event was well received by those in attendance.

Sam Fulwood III, a writer for

the L.A. Times, took the podium and commented on the impact of Dr. King, despite the fact he worked in the movement for less than 20 years.

The closing remarks were given by Dr. Christopher Reber, who thanked those who put together the celebration. The chorus ended the campus-wide event by singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

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