

Penn State System Linked 'for King Day

By Michele Hart

The celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday Jan. 18 was a historic one for the campuses of Penn State University.

All of the Commonwealth Campuses including Capital College were linked by satellite to University Park, and university President Jordan cancelled all classes from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. so that all students and faculty in the Penn State system could enjoy a speech delivered by former California Congresswoman Yvonne Burke.

Burke, the first black woman elected to the House of Representatives and voted Woman of the Year by the Los Angeles Times told the university-wide audience that King's birthday is "not just a recognition of a person's birthday, but recognition of a man who did something in our country--social change without



violence."

Burke said that she enjoyed the time she spent on the civil rights movement because she participated in solving problems not just intellectually, but by reaching within herself and

finding the means to solve them. The ability to do that was just one of many things that King taught to people in his lifetime she said.

King also taught us that things that we would like to see change are possible to change Burke said. "The most tragic thing that can happen to people is to sleep through change, Dr. King once said," she said.

If King were still alive, Burke said, he would be very interested in education. "Education isn't on the priority list as much today," she said. The gains of the 1970s are being eroded, according to Burke, because of the lack of grants and the increasing costs of getting an education.

Burke said that she knows that students have a feeling of helplessness; that they don't know what they can do about the economic realities of getting an education. But, she said that King would tell students that they cannot be apathetic about the problems they face.

"Students can make a difference," she said.

Burke credited this nation's rising fight against apartheid in South Africa to students. "Student's started talking to trustees," she said, forcing President Reagan to pick up on the ideal.

"King was certainly a believer in the political process," Burke said, and young people cannot afford to not participate in that process.

She said that blacks have made great gains in the political process, especially in the south, since the 1960s. Jesse Jackson is one politician who has helped to make those changes, Burke said, by changing the political debates of the 1988 election.

Burke said that students have an obligation to continue that change. "Be a voice for the type of change that Dr. Martin Luther King talked about," she said.

"If we can learn anything from [his] dream, it will be a different world that our children inherit," she said.

WICI Offers Communications Scholarship

By Laura Karinch

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded this spring to an area communication arts major by The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of Women in Communications, Inc. (WICI).

Candidates specializing in print or electronic medium will be considered from 14 area colleges and universities, including Penn State Harrisburg. Three students have been awarded the scholarship since 1982. The last recipient was Jan Travers, a student from this campus.

To be considered, an applicant should be completing the junior year with a minimum of 3.0 in communication arts subjects. He or she must submit a portfolio of original work and a letter stating qualifications and career plans. Board members of the ten-year-old Central Pennsylvania Chapter of WICI will serve as judges for the award. More details are available in the Capital Times office regarding application. Deadline is March 14, 1988.

Any communications major is invited to join WICI, and in doing so automatically becomes a professional member upon graduation. Two years of professional experience is required of those wanting to join who have not been student members.

WICI holds informal discussion meetings and formal dinner meetings regularly, and interested students are invited to attend these meetings. According to Ms. Leah Fudem, Scholarship Chair, this is a great opportunity for students to meet with professionals and learn of job opportunities in the field of communications. Students interested in joining WICI or attending a meeting should contact Ms. Lisa Robinson, Membership Chair, at 717-948-8197.

Around Capital College

By Judy L. Hricak

What was the \$64,000 question for this issue? I asked students around campus, "If you won a million dollars, would it alter your career plans?"

I'll admit I was surprised by the answers.

In an age when students talk about BMWs (or "beamers" as Yuppies affectionately call them), big bucks, and easy living, I've come to the realization that it's only talk.

In my survey 76 percent of the students polled said that winning the big bucks wouldn't change their career plans.

Not to say that there are no free spirits at Capital. Carl Brown, a HCOMM major said, "Damn right it would change my career plans. I'd quit school, buy a sailboat, and sail around the world." At least someone still has the spirit of adventure.

One female student here has the spirit of spending. She said winning a million dollars wouldn't change her career plans because a million dollars wouldn't last that long. (I don't want to know what she does with her money.)

All in all, I think that people shouldn't be too quick to judge the college students of today. We're not as materialistic as everyone thinks.

If you won a million dollars would it alter your career plans?

Joan Churillo- "No, but I wouldn't work while attending college."

Josette Kloker- "No"

Teresa Shultz- "No"

Michelle Sutton- "No, but I'd buy a basset hound."

Michelle Price- "No"

Deann Hess- "No it would only expand them."

Tammy Jordan- "If I won a million dollars I would take off school and travel."

Greg Tyler- "Yea, the money would change my plans. I'd go to school, but not worry about it."

Maria Rusnyk- "If I won a million dollars I would open my own business right away."

Jeff Leiby- "No it wouldn't change my plans. I want to be a stock broker so it would only help."

Marty Jordan- "Yes it would, I'd run my own business."

Pat Gaffey- "It sure would. I'd do what I want instead of what other people want. I would also donate \$10,000 towards OALISM (the disease of filling in every circle on a written page.)

Mark Jordan- "If I won a million dollars, I'd quit school in an eyelash and move to Vegas."

Ed Mimmagh- "I'd finish school, and then invest the money."

Mike Seibert- "If I won a million dollars I'd become a monk and give the money to charity."

Excellence in Student Journalism Awards Announced

The Capital Times has created an awards program to recognize student journalists.

"Excellence in Student Journalism Awards" will be presented at the end of each semester to the three top entries.

An appointed panel will review each issue of the the student newspaper and choose the three best submissions that appeared during that semester. The winners will be awarded certificates of recognition and a monetary prize— First place, \$50, Second place, \$25, and Third place, \$10.

This program is open to all students of Penn State Harrisburg. Staff membership is not a prerequisite for consideration for an award. Look for details of this program on the bulletin boards or in the Capital Times office, room W-129.