

Features

Delco Comemorates King's Birthday

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January 13, 1989: a day of remembrance and inspiration at Penn State, Delaware County Campus, a day to believe in dreams and strive to reach ideals.

On Friday January 13, 1989, the Delaware County Campus Black Student League and the Office of Student Programs and Services held the fourth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Commemoration. The commemoration was highlighted by invited guest and keynote speaker, Jesse Jackson Jr., the twenty-three-year-old son of the 1988 Democratic Presidential Primary candidate, Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Jackson Jr. delivered a passionate message to the students and faculty. He declared that honoring the life of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would not be complete if there were no attempts to keep King's dream alive. He said, "The torch of freedom has passed to a new generation. Our challenge is not only to keep the dream alive, but to carry the torch a little further down freedom's road."

Jackson Jr. touched on many important issues. He stressed that the youth of

American have an obligation to their country to remain drug free, sober, sane, sensitive, and caring. In doing so, he envisioned a mentally and socially stronger America. He also challenged the students by saying, "If Penn State is going to be number one, Penn State is going to have to be drug free!"

The challenges that economic violence, world peace, unconditional equality and political participation present to this generation were also addressed by Jesse Jackson Jr. To keep King's dream alive, he encouraged Penn State students to become more politically mature and to accept their responsibility and obligation to vote, a right that has been consecrated in blood.

"The power of political change is the essence of fighting for the right to vote," he concluded. "One vote can't make a difference, but political knowledge and the votes of many can."

Jesse Jackson Jr. left Delco with the impression that Dr. King's dream must live on in the hearts and minds of American society. For without King's dream, hope cannot be kept alive.

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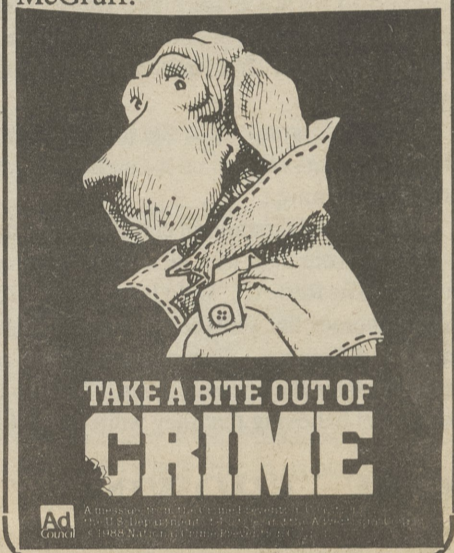
1 out of 2 teens in America has taken drugs.

1 out of 2 parents doesn't see it.

See, the Washingtons think it's the Smith kid. The Smiths think it's the Sanchez kid. Maybe it is your kid.

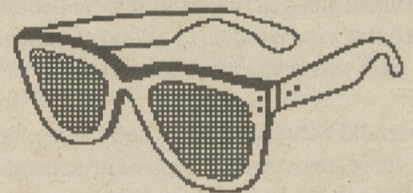
Find out. Talk to your kids. Tell'em the dangers of drugs. Tell'em how to handle peer pressure.

Tell'em you care. It's not easy. But I can help. So write me. McGruff.



MONDAY, APRIL 17th 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM (Upper athletic fields next to the library)

* Hot dogs * Hamburgers * **GRAND PRIZE** * Soft Pretzels * Sodas *

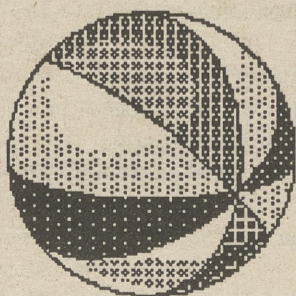


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