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## Fluker Named Interim King Papers Director

By Add Seymour Jr.

**W**alter Fluker has always been enthralled by the works of Martin Luther King Jr. '48.

While the College searches for a permanent director, Fluker will get the unique opportunity to temporarily oversee the historic 10,000-piece collection of King's most personal writings.

Fluker, executive director of the Leadership Center at Morehouse College since 1998, becomes the interim director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Collection, a cadre of King's letters, sermons and hand-written notes.

"In many ways, it's like completing a full circle. I've followed (King) my entire intellectual life," said Fluker, who will hold both posts. "I feel a close affinity with King and the tradition that began with Martin Luther King Jr."

Meanwhile, a search committee is being finalized with hopes that after fielding candidates nationally, the collection's first permanent director will be in place by July 1, said Phillip Howard '87, vice president for Institutional Advancement.

"It's a venerable position in academia to be project director for such an important academic resource," he said.

The King Collection came to the College after a group of Atlanta business and political leaders, led by Mayor Shirley Franklin, raised \$32 million to purchase the collection, which was about to go on the auction block. The deal allowed the collection to come home to Morehouse and Atlanta, the epicenter of the civil rights movement and King's birthplace.

The papers, now housed at the Robert W. Woodruff Library at the Atlanta University Center, are being digitized and archived in preparation for display, research and scholarly use. The library received a \$400,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to complete the processing and develop a digital finding aid for the papers. The Goldman Sachs Group donated \$2 million to endow the director's chair for the King Collection, while The BP Foundation added another \$1.5 million that will go towards the cost of housing the collection.

With the vision for the collection being stewardship, scholarship and partnership, Fluker also wants to make sure the collection is aligned with President Robert Franklin's vision of producing Renaissance Men. He's chairing the campus King celebration and hopes to promote dialogue on the King legacy along with more outreach to the larger community.

"I'm very excited about the way we can make this happen," Fluker said.

Fluker is a speaker, author and researcher who edited the first volume of a multi-volume series titled "The Sound of the Genuine: The Papers of Howard Washington Thurman," which will be published in November, 2008. His writings and research also include "They Looked for a City: A Comparative Analysis of the Ideal of Community in the Thought of Howard Thurman and Martin Luther King Jr." ■

**"We are fortunate to have Dr. Walter Fluker, a theologian and King historian in his own right, who during this interim period can provide leadership and keen insight on how we best utilize the historic treasure and academic resource."**

**—President Robert M. Franklin '75**



Walter Fluker is getting the unique opportunity to temporarily oversee the historic and coveted collection of the personal works of civil rights icon and humanitarian Martin Luther King Jr. '48.

## 'IT'S LIKE A REBIRTH'

## Genarlow Wilson Begins a New Chapter at Morehouse

By Add Seymour Jr.



Genarlow Wilson talks with President Robert Franklin '75 – Franklin also prayed with Wilson – during a visit to campus.

Like any other student, Genarlow Wilson is just looking to be on time as he begins the spring semester at Morehouse College where he has been admitted as a part-time student. “It’s like a rebirth—a breath of fresh air,” Wilson said. “I’m able to do what I wanted to do and attend college and excel in my studies.”

This time last year, Wilson was a Georgia inmate having been convicted of aggravated child molestation.

But his case also symbolizes what many others see as a pattern of injustice and unfairness towards African American males in the American legal system.

In 2003, he was 17, a Douglas County (Ga.) High School senior, a football star and homecoming king who was fielding interest letters from Ivy League schools. But during a party, he was videotaped while a 15-year-old classmate performed consensual oral sex on him.

An old Georgia law considered that child molestation – a felony carrying 10 years in prison since the girl was under 16. Through a quirk in the law, had they had intercourse he would have only faced a year in jail.

Wilson was found guilty and sent to prison. The sentence’s harshness was denounced by the likes of civil rights leaders Al

Sharpton and Jesse Jackson along with former President Jimmy Carter. Heavy criticism forced Georgia lawmakers to change the crime to a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail.

But it wasn’t retroactive, meaning the law spurred by Wilson wouldn’t free him.

The Georgia Supreme Court eventually deemed Wilson’s sentence was cruel and unusual. He was released in October 2007 after two years in prison.

After leaving the prison, Wilson knew that college would definitely be in his plans.

The school he considered — Morehouse and its tradition for developing strong men of character.

“They can help you to grow,” Wilson said of the Morehouse community. “Me coming from the situation I was coming from, I felt like it was the best place for me.”

Wilson has been admitted as a part-time student this spring, working towards becoming a full-time student in the fall.

“To be a Morehouse man means to be a Renaissance Man of moral conscience,” President Robert M. Franklin ’75 told listeners on the Jan. 9 edition of the Tom Joyner Morning Show.

Franklin mentioned Martin Luther King Jr. ’48, Spike Lee ’79, former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson ’56 and actor Samuel L. Jackson ’72 as Morehouse men who’ve exemplified excellence in academics, community service, leadership and character.

“And we are delighted to now welcome into the fold a very promising young brother who had a very difficult start, but we expect to have a terrific finish,” Franklin said of Wilson.

Wilson will get plenty of help. Local Omega Psi Phi members have already been mentoring Wilson and a faculty member has already volunteered to mentor Wilson once he advances in his major (he’s deciding between majors in sociology, history or business).

On top of that, the Tom Joyner Foundation, led by HBCU booster and radio personality Tom Joyner, will pay for Wilson’s education—a move leaving Wilson thankful, gracious and speechless.

“I’m so glad to give you a second chance, Genarlow,” Joyner told Wilson during the radio show.

Wilson is up for the challenge. “I was very delighted Morehouse made the process real for me,” he said. “Basically it was the best place for me to attend.” ■



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**JARRETT THEODORE CROCKETT-BROWN**, a 28-year-old senior from Smyrna, Ga. died on Dec. 29 in Boston, Mass. Crockett-Brown was studying accounting, but also worked at Jet Air Aerospace & Technology.

Crockett-Brown was passionate about writing and international politics and looked forward to a future in the ministry. During his first semester at Morehouse, he was a finalist in the Otis Moss Jr. Oratorical Contest, placing third.

Funeral services were held at the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel with the Rev. Leland L. Jones, Chapel volunteer, officiating. ■

## Delta Sorority Members Come Together to Serve College, Support Each Other

By Vickie G. Hampton

**Y**OU DON'T EXPECT TO HEAR terms like "sorors" and "sisterhood" on a campus of 2,800 young men. But when a few members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority noticed that there were quite a few "sorors" on campus, they decided to come together and do something they always do – serve their community.

In December, organizing members Belinda White, Cheryl Allen, Denise Moore, Rahmelle Thompson and Gwen Wade called a meeting of all Deltas on campus—professors, administrators, staff members—and discovered that they were 25 women strong—in both number and impact on the College community.

The Delta sisters rightly claim among their ranks pioneers and innovators.

Sandra Walker, executive assistant in the Business Office, is one of the co-founders of the College's annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk—the only such walk held at a Historically Black College or University.

Belinda Johnson White, assistant professor of business, has written a first-of-its-kind book on teaching ethical leadership. Cheryl Allen is the first female to receive tenure in the College's business department.

Diane Rowley, director of the Center for Research Public Health Sciences Institute, is leading innovative research on how health professionals can better serve underserved communities by allowing members of the community to define their challenges.

They served Thanksgiving dinner to students in Chivers-Lane dining hall in November and this spring they plan to donate to the Opportunity Fund, which helps juniors and seniors complete their education by providing the funds they need to reach graduation.

It's easy to see then why the group calls itself Grand D.A.M.E.S. (the latter word being an acronym for Deltas at Morehouse Exemplifying Sisterhood).

They have banded together to offer their services to the College and students. In fact, the purpose of the new organization is to encourage and support each other, the College and the students served.

"We have always been committed to community service and promoting sisterhood," said Gwen Wade, director of International Student Services. "We are coming together as sisters to work together to impact the Morehouse community. As professors, administrators and staff people, we can support each other and share resources."

"This is a great idea and another opportunity to serve—which is what we do anyway," added Ida Mukenge, professor of sociology and another Delta member. ■

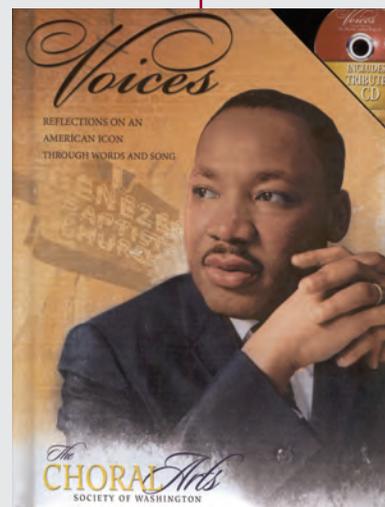


The Grand D.A.M.E.S. gathered for their first full meeting in December, even though many had already gotten together to do various good deeds around campus.

### GRAND D.A.M.E.S.

Cheryl L. Allen  
Ardis Blanchard  
Remeka Bowden  
Rube Byrd  
Fran Phillips-Calhoun  
Shanelle Coleman  
Felicia Damron  
Diedra Haydel  
Melvinia King  
Francesca Lopez  
Roseland McLarin  
Bonita Moore  
Denise Moore  
Ida Mukenge  
Dionne Polite  
Diane Rowley  
Teloca Sistrunk  
Rahmelle Thompson  
Shirley Thompson  
Gwen Wade  
Sandra Walker  
Harriet Walton  
Belinda Johnson White  
Jeanine White  
Marjorie Wilson

## SHELF LIFE



### Voices: Reflections On An American Icon Through Words and Song

Published by Dalmatian Publishing Group  
Peggy Shaw, senior editor, Dalmatian Publishing Group  
{Includes audio CD}

By Add Seymour Jr.

CIVIL RIGHTS veteran Julian Bond '71 remembers in the new book, "Voices: Reflections On An American Icon Through Words and Song," of being taught by civil rights pioneer and humanitarian Martin Luther King Jr. '48.

"I was his 'student' in a larger sense and learned from him the values of patience, perseverance and purposefulness," Bond said in the book about King.

Photos, along with music from a 17-song, King-inspired choral music CD by The Chorale Arts Society of Washington and the thoughts of ordinary citizens alongside public figures like Bond, President George Bush and Nikki Giovanni chronicle the King legacy through five themes – discord, crescendo, march toward harmony, elegy and symphony.

"Voices," is published by Atlanta-based Dalmatian Publishing Group. ■

# CELEBRATING THE LI

**15 TUESDAY**

## Martin Luther King Jr. Candlelight Prayer Vigil



Chaplain assistants of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel hold a prayer vigil at the foot of King's statue to celebrate King's birthday and to kick off King celebration activities.

**17 THURSDAY**

## "A King Celebration" Concert



With the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and featuring the Morehouse and Spelman glee clubs

Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel

8 p.m.

Tickets: \$25 for adults (buy one, get one free)

\$10 for students and may be purchased through the ASO website at [www.atlantasymphony.org](http://www.atlantasymphony.org) (buy one, get one free)

Tickets may be purchased at King Chapel Ticket Office after 4 p.m. on the day of the event. Sponsored by Target

**19 SATURDAY**

## King Campus-Wide Day of Service

"Serving in the Beloved Community"

Martin Luther King Jr. Chapel Plaza

8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.



**20 SUNDAY**

## Martin Luther King Jr. Worship Service



Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel  
Preacher – The Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Cross  
Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church of Atlanta  
President, Progressive National Association  
11 a.m.

## The Martin Luther King Jr. Gospel Concert

Presented by The MLK March Committee



Featuring: Dorothy Norwood, Cantor



Damita Hadden, Cantor

Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel

7 p.m.

*Tickets - \$10 per person*

*(Available at the*

*College Bookstore, 404-507-8685)*

**21 MONDAY**

## City of Atlanta Annual Commemorative King Day Parade and March

President Robert M. Franklin '75 is the Honorary Co-Grand Marshal of the city of Atlanta's annual Commemorative King Day Parade and March.

Parade starts at 1 p.m. Faculty, staff, students and alumni are to meet no later than 12:30 p.m. at the corner of International and Peachtree streets, wearing your Morehouse paraphernalia.

**22 TUESDAY**

## Conversations On Leadership

Dubois Hall

6 p.m.

*(Morehouse College students only)*

# LIFE AND LEGACY OF A KING

JANUARY '08

## Service

Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel  
Dr. DeWitt Smith Jr.  
Pastor, Church of Metro Atlanta and  
General Baptist Convention

## 24 THURSDAY

### Martin Luther King Jr. Crown Forum

Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel  
Speaker - Dr. Walter Earl Fluker, Executive Director of the  
Leadership Center at Morehouse College and  
Interim Director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Collection  
11 a.m.



*(Open only to Morehouse students, faculty, staff and alumni)*

## Concert

Dr. Canton Jones '00 and  
The Morehouse Men  
perform "The King Jr."  
at the Chapel

## 29 TUESDAY

### African American Lives 2



Presented by The Leadership  
Center in partnership with The  
Coca-Cola Company  
A journey into the past with  
Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr.  
interviewing radio and TV  
personality Tom Joyner

Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel  
6:45 p.m.

*(Free and open to the public)*

Cost: \$10 per person  
at the Morehouse

## Event



## 30 WEDNESDAY

### An Evening with Dr. William "Bill" Cosby



Educator and entertainer talks  
to Men of Morehouse  
on what it takes to be a  
Renaissance Man.  
Guests include Dr. David  
Satcher '63, former U.S.  
Surgeon General  
Sale Hall-Chapel of the

Inward Journey  
7:30 - 9 p.m.

*(Open only to Morehouse students, faculty, staff and alumni)*



# HOUSEKEEPING

- **The Office of Student Activities** is requesting that all faculty and staff advisers for student organizations attend one of three training sessions in the Kilgore Center faculty lounge:

Monday, Feb. 4, 10-11:15 a.m.

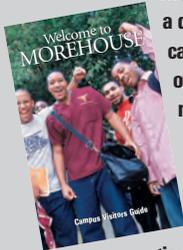
Tuesday, Feb. 5, 3-4:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2-3:15 p.m.

Please RSVP to Raphael Moffett, director of Student Activities, at [rmoffett@morehouse.edu](mailto:rmoffett@morehouse.edu) or at ext. 2730 by Wednesday, Jan. 23.

- **The Office of Communications** has published two handy campus references for campus offices.

The College's **Visual Identity and Style Guide** and the **Guide to the Office of Communications** provide guidelines for maintaining the College's branding—including the official College colors, iconography and fonts. Other helpful information includes the names of campus buildings, a list of prominent alumni, and guidelines for requesting assistance with media relations, publications and photography.



The campus map includes a detailed map of the campus with descriptions of campus buildings and monuments, as well as College facts and milestones, directions to the College and a list of Atlanta-area attractions. Call ext. 2680 to request copies for your office.

- **The Office of Human Resources** is updating and verifying personal data stored in the Banner system. If you haven't already completed the **Employee Confidential Information Update**, please do so and submit to Human Resources via email at [wcrosse@morehouse.edu](mailto:wcrosse@morehouse.edu) or fax to (404) 614-6047.
- **The Ethics Hotline** continues to be an invaluable tool for the College. To report incidents of ethical question-ability, please call 1-888-299-9540. All calls are strictly confidential.

# NEWS BRIEFS

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONFERENCE PROVIDES A BIG BOOST TO SMALL BUSINESSES

WILLIE WOODS JR. '85 has one of the nation's more successful equity investment firms, while Chuck James III '58 is an established international produce distributor.

They, along with four other successful Morehouse businessmen, will share their secrets of success during the inaugural Entrepreneurship Conference sponsored by the Morehouse College Entrepreneurship Center on Jan. 31.

More than 200 attendees and small business owners will benefit from advice and networking opportunities during the one-day conference that will be held at the Leadership Center.

"We're here to help small companies in growing their businesses," said Tiffany Bussey, the center's program director.

Small business owners will hear firsthand how Morehouse alums like Woods and James, Paul Q. Judge '98, Edgar Smith '83, Kevin Johnson '01 and Mossi Tull '95 all grew their businesses into thriving entities.

Participating in two tracks – one focused on those starting a business while the other will focus on established firms looking to grow – attendees also will participate in workshops covering everything from starting a business to dealing with finance, management and accounting issues.

Federal agencies such as the U.S. Navy, NASA, Department of Energy, along with contractors like The Boeing Company and Lockheed Martin, will be part of a roundtable procurement discussion. Dan Sturdivant of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security also will talk about ways to land contracting work.

"Whenever you get an opportunity to be in this environment, it's always a networking opportunity for them," Bussey said.

Former U.S. Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) headlines a list of honorees during the inaugural I.C.E. (Innovative, Creative Entrepreneur) Awards luncheon. Nunn has been named the I.C.E. Lifetime Achievement award winner. Five other winners — in the categories of Outstanding Alumnus, Rising Star, Federal Champion, Corporate Trailblazer, Outstanding Supplier and Small Business Award of Excellence – will receive awards.

Television anchor Clarence Reynolds of 11 Alive News will be the master of ceremonies and Gary Bailey of Lockheed Martin Aeronautics will give the keynote address.

Conference registration will be held on-site but is also available online at [www.morehouse.edu](http://www.morehouse.edu). ■

## NEW FEDERAL LAW INCREASES MAXIMUM PELL GRANT AWARDS

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT is giving relief to cash-strapped college students and their parents. President Bush signed into law the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, which increases the maximum Pell Grant award over the next five years from today's maximum \$4,310 to \$5,400 in 2012.

Loan payments for low and moderate income borrowers will be capped at 15 percent of their discretionary income while interest rates will drop for new subsidized Stafford loan borrowers from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent by 2011. Loans will also be forgiven to borrowers with economic hardship after 25 years.

Federal investment in historically black colleges and universities also increases by \$170 million over the next two years.

Michael Lomax '68, president and CEO of the United Negro College Fund, hailed the move.

"In doing so, colleges, students and ultimately the entire country can realize the return of this critical investment," he said. ■

## ATLANTA AND AUC CHOSEN AS SITE FOR UNVEILING OF NEW UNCF IMAGE

THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND chose Atlanta and the Atlanta University Center as the site for the unveiling of the new logo and brand the nation's largest minority higher education organization.

UNCF officials said the new brand identity symbolizes the accelerated growth of UNCF and how it is leveraging its heritage to help its 39 member colleges prepare students for the changing global economy and the responsibility of leadership.

On hand for the unveiling held at Spelman College was Morehouse President Robert Franklin '75, Spelman President Beverly Tatum, Paine College President George C. Bradley and representatives of other Atlanta-area UNCF colleges. ■

# Black history and HBCU Basketball Come Together in the ESPN Documentary "Black Magic"

## Morehouse Hosts Advance Screening of the New Film

By Add Seymour Jr.

There weren't a lot of flashbulbs popping when Earl Lloyd stepped onto the basketball court for the Oct. 18, 1950, National Basketball Association game between the Washington Capitols and the Rochester Royals.

It hardly made ripples in the sporting world at the time. But the little-known Lloyd's appearance – the first time an African American played in an NBA game – was one of the first salvos in a decade of historic change for African Americans.

It's those kinds of black history stories that director Dan Klores wants to share through his ESPN documentary, "Black Magic."

"I hope that 'Black Magic' is the type of film that resonates all around the country, no matter one's race, because it tells people about the incredible history, contributions and pride that characterizes historically black colleges and universities," Klores said in a telephone interview.

The Atlanta University Center community will hear that story during a screening of a condensed, two-hour version of the film at Sale Hall's Chapel of the Inward Journey from 7-9 p.m. followed by a question-and-answer session with Klores and Lloyd. Ron Thomas, director of the Morehouse Journalism and Sports program, will moderate.

"Black Magic" also has a Morehouse connection with Samuel Jackson '72 as one of three narrators for the documentary. The others are jazz great Wynton Marsalis and NBA player Chris Paul of the New Orleans Hornets.

"Black Magic," which was co-produced by former NBA star Earl "The Pearl" Monroe," tells the story of the civil rights movement through the eyes and accomplishments of basketball players of that era who played at historically black colleges and universities like West Virginia State University, where Lloyd starred.

The four-hour documentary premieres on ESPN in two, two-hour segments on March 16 and 17.

The stories show how the civil rights movement and the plight of HBCU basketball players during this period are connected. For example, three students were killed during the 1968 Orangeburg Massacre after a protest over the desegregation of a local bowling alley. One of the slain students – who wasn't even involved in the protest – was a high school basketball player on campus at South Carolina State University for a recruiting visit.

"A lot of 'Black Magic' is going to be brand new history to anybody who sees it," said Thomas, an author and former NBA beat writer. "We've heard some of the names, but I don't think many people have seen them or heard their experiences."

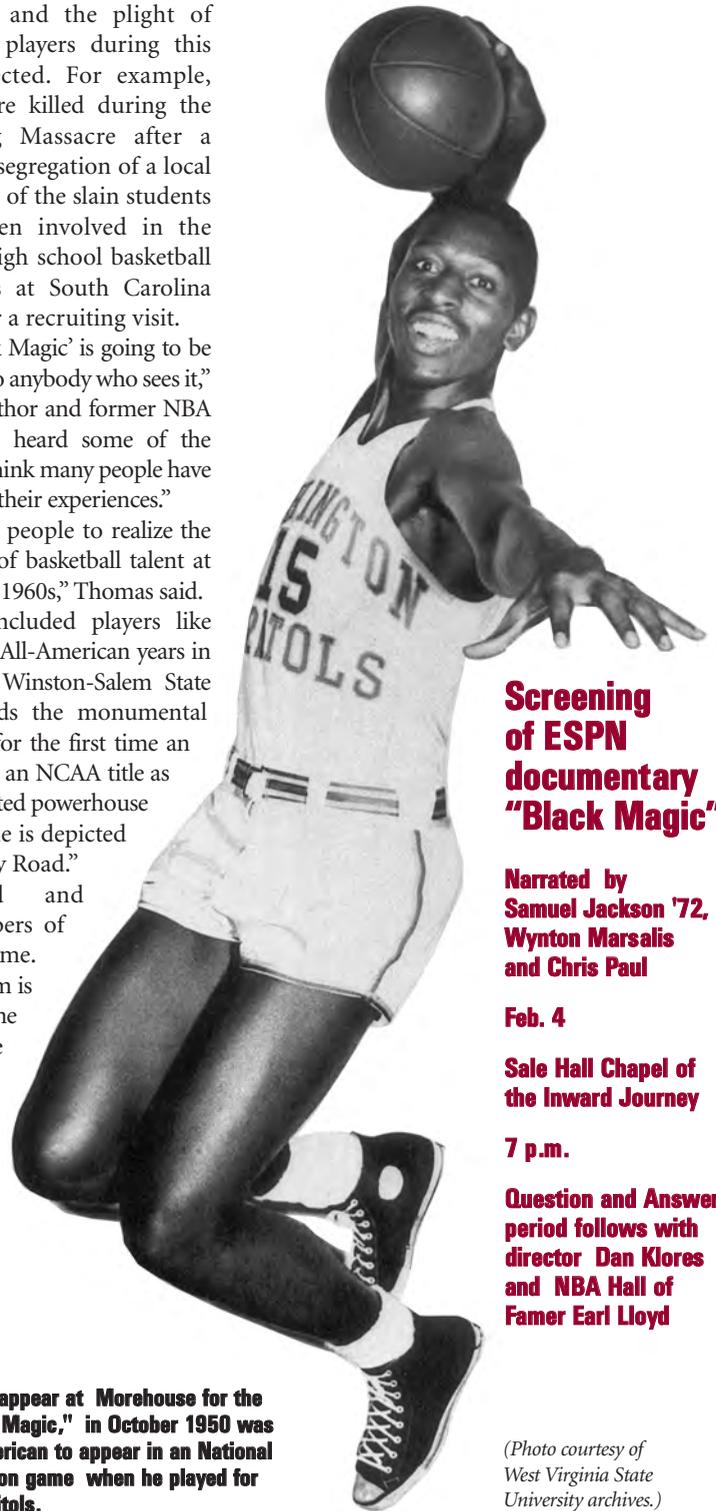
"It'll also help people to realize the incredible amount of basketball talent at HBCUs up into the 1960s," Thomas said.

That talent included players like Monroe whose two All-American years in 1965 and 1967 at Winston-Salem State University bookends the monumental 1966 season when for the first time an all-black squad won an NCAA title as Texas Western defeated powerhouse Kentucky. The game is depicted in the movie "Glory Road."

Both Lloyd and Monroe are members of the NBA Hall of Fame.

"I think the film is about men of extreme courage in the face of great injustice. A younger generation needs to see that," Klores said. "They need to be reminded." ■

**Earl Lloyd, who will appear at Morehouse for the screening of "Black Magic," in October 1950 was the first African American to appear in an National Basketball Association game when he played for the Washington Capitols.**



### Screening of ESPN documentary "Black Magic"

**Narrated by Samuel Jackson '72, Wynton Marsalis and Chris Paul**

**Feb. 4**

**Sale Hall Chapel of the Inward Journey**

**7 p.m.**

**Question and Answer period follows with director Dan Klores and NBA Hall of Famer Earl Lloyd**

*(Photo courtesy of West Virginia State University archives.)*

# Upcoming Morehouse Maroon Tigers Basketball Schedule

(ALL GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30 PM)

## JANUARY

- 19 – Lane College, Forbes Arena
- 22 – at Paine College, Augusta, Ga.
- 24 – at Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
- 26 – at Tuskegee College, Tuskegee, Ala.
- 31 – Clark Atlanta University, Forbes Arena

## FEBRUARY

- 2 – at Albany State University, Albany, Ga.
- 5 – at Fort Valley State University, Fort Valley, Ga.
- 7 – at Benedict College, Columbia, SC.
- 12 – Fort Valley State University, Forbes Arena
- 14 – Albany State University, Forbes Arena

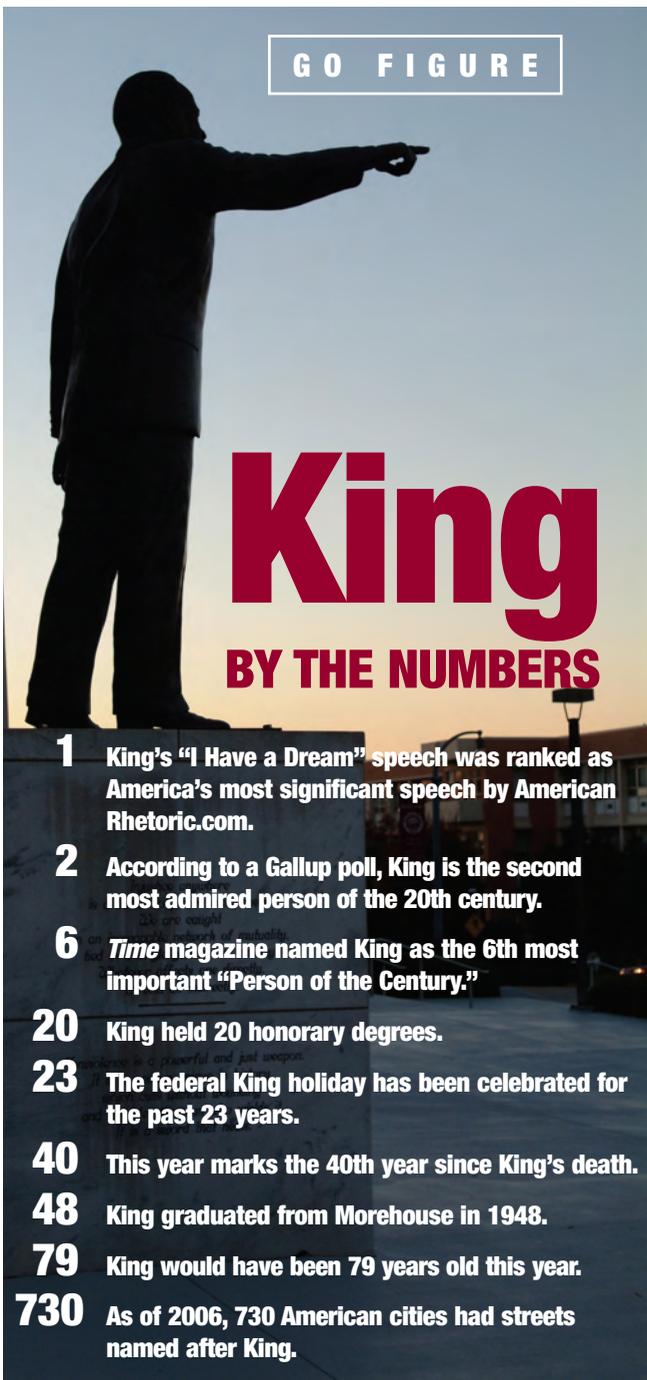
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### GO FIGURE



# King

## BY THE NUMBERS

- 1** King's "I Have a Dream" speech was ranked as America's most significant speech by American Rhetoric.com.
- 2** According to a Gallup poll, King is the second most admired person of the 20th century.
- 6** *Time* magazine named King as the 6th most important "Person of the Century."
- 20** King held 20 honorary degrees.
- 23** The federal King holiday has been celebrated for the past 23 years.
- 40** This year marks the 40th year since King's death.
- 48** King graduated from Morehouse in 1948.
- 79** King would have been 79 years old this year.
- 730** As of 2006, 730 American cities had streets named after King.

## Overheard...

....during Oscar-winner Denzel Washington's Jan. 15 appearance on the Tom Joyner Morning Show promoting his film "The Great Debaters."



*“ They call Harvard the Morehouse of the North. The football team wasn't one of the best, so they would chant, 'That's alright, that's okay. You're gonna work for us one day!' ”*