Classes Canceled
In King's Memory

President Novice G. Farrett released the following statement Monday afternoon at 4:30.

"The Ohio State University on Tuesday, April 9, will honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Classes will be canceled until 4 p.m. in tribute to Dr. King and to permit students, faculty and staff to participate in memorial observances in such ways as various individuals deem appropriate.

Classes Resume at 4 p.m.

"University classrooms and auditoriums equipped with television will carry network transmissions of the rites for Dr. King. (See page 7 for further information.)

"Throughout the day, campus offices and service areas, including the libraries, will remain in operation. At 4 p.m. and during the balance of the evening, regularly scheduled classes will be held.

"In accordance with the policies set forth by the Office of the Governor, staff members of areas remaining in operation may be absent after making arrangements with their supervisors. Such absence will be charged to accrued vacation time.

Chance To Reassess

"In providing the opportunity for University personnel to pay tribute to Dr. King, it is our hope that all people will re-assess their views and re-dedicate their lives to seeking equality within a framework of law and order."
Years dim movement's progress

By Rich Rico

Martin Luther King Jr., one of the great leaders in the early fight for civil rights, would have celebrated his 52nd birthday Thursday. King was shot by an assassin on April 4, 1968.

"Young people do not really know what King stood for," said Frank Hale, vice provost for minority affairs.

King and other black community leaders ignited the American civil rights movement in 1955 by staging a 382-day bus boycott when Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a public bus.

In the years that followed, King was devoted to eliminating discrimination at all levels. By organizing mass marches and demonstration across the South, he was intent on breaking the traditional white barriers.

In August of 1963, King and nearly 250,000 people initiated a March on Washington, ... the largest civil rights demonstration in the nation's history.

King told the throng of people, "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out its creed ... that all men are created equal."

King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. In 1968, King was in Memphis to organize support for striking sanitation workers when he was assassinated.

"Martin Luther made us aware of the universalism of mankind," said James Upton, the coordinator of the Black Studies Community Extension Center.

"He made us realize that the superficial barriers of race and language are less important than the values of love that bind us together," Upton said.

Hale believes King displayed a prophet-like quality to deal with the issues. "He was articulate, in such a way, to relate to people at all levels," Hale said.

The young take their rights for granted, Hale said. "Students do not really know the sacrifices King made," he added.

Hale, who was among the large crowd at the March on Washington, said King had the "gift of creating a cohesive band of followers from every strata of society — black, white, Christian and Jew."

Since King's death, Hale said, the country has not advanced a great deal in the area of civil rights. We are now experiencing a "decline" in the affirmative action programs King implemented for minorities, Hale said.
King's birthday observed

ATLANTA (UPI) An estimated 5,000 people joined the family of the late Martin Luther King Jr. in an emotional ceremony at the slain civil rights leader's gravesite Thursday.

Other observances honoring the assassinated Nobel Peace Prize winner were held around the nation and a resolution to make King's birthday a national holiday was introduced again in Congress.

King's widow, Coretta Scott King, and other family members attended a rally at an Atlanta high school and then marched about three miles to placed wreaths at his tomb, ringed by a silent crowd.

Coretta King received a standing ovation at the rally. She told her audience: "When we march down to the crypt today, I want you to do it just like Martin Luther King, Jr. did it. And when we get to the crypt, we're gonna be silent and dignified. Let's get serious... We must let the world know we mean business."

President Carter praised King for going the "difficult second mile" in leading the civil rights struggle. He said King took the risk of "living what he believed" while being "armed only with the spirit of freedom and love."

"He warned us of the evils of the racism he endured each day, but also of the unseen threat of nuclear destruction, reminding us always that the God he served had something better for us if we would but listen."

A proposal to make King's birthday a national holiday was introduced in Congress Thursday — just as it had been every year since King's death in 1968. Every year, it has been turned down. The latest measure was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Charles Mathias, R-Md., Sen Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and eight others.

"Observing Dr. King's birthday as a federal holiday is a fitting tribute to a man of vision who became a great leader and hero," Mathias said.

Police estimated more than 50,000 people turned out despite snow and 37-degree weather in Washington for a parade and rally to show support for the national holiday proposal. About 280 busloads of people, mostly from the East and near Midwest, were reported in the capital for the event, headlined by singer Stevie Wonder.

Among those bused to Washington were around 400 residents of Memphis, where King was assassinated almost 13 years ago. One group, as it climbed aboard a bus, chanted, "We won't let no Reagan turn us around... We're going to keep on a'walking, keep on a'talking till we get this legislation passed."

In another Washington tribute, hundreds of Justice Department employees, most of them black, crammed the department's "Great Hall" for a commemorative ceremony. Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti said King's name was one of the few in modern history that served as an immediate symbol of peace and the betterment of mankind.

In Philadelphia, the city electric company wrote King's famous statement "I have a dream" across the top of its main office building in lights, and in New York Mayor Edward Koch proclaimed the day "Martin Luther King Jr. Day."

In Raleigh, N.C., the House approved a resolution honoring King's memory. The lone dissenter, Republican Rep. Bradford Ligon, said he believed that some of King's activities during the civil rights movement were unethical and should have been accomplished through political channels.
Senate faces debate over King holiday

said colleagues tell him privately they cannot risk alienating blacks by voting against the bill honoring the slain civil rights leader, despite their concerns about cost.

Passage in the Senate is certain, a GOP leadership source said, but there will be plenty of attempts to modify the legislation. Among them are proposals to substitute Martin Luther King Jr. Day for another of the nine federal holidays or to commemorate King on a Sunday.

"They (senators) have been so thoroughly intimidated by political pressure," Helms told United Press International. "It's just a handful of activists led by Coretta Scott King. It's the last thing they ought to be pushing. You have to ask yourself how much better would it be to devote money to creation of job opportunities?"

Helms, denying his opposition is motivated by racism, shrugs off the political consequences in North Carolina where more than one-fourth the population is black. He faces a tough fight if he wants to keep his Senate seat in 1984.

"I'm not going to sell my soul to stay in the Senate," he said.

King's birthday on Jan. 15 is already a legal holiday in 19 states. The House voted 338-90 on Aug. 2 to commemorate King.

King was assassinated in 1968 at the age of 39 in Memphis, Tenn., where he had gone to lead a march of striking sanitation workers. King, winner of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize, was head of the Atlanta-based Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The Senate GOP leadership source said Republican leader Howard Baker hopes to get the Senate to vote Wednesday to limit debate against the King holiday by Helms. But that would not stop Helms from delaying passage by offering numerous amendments.

Helms acknowledged he may offer amendments to honor Thomas Jefferson and others with national holidays, which he calls "shutting the country down" because it would give federal workers a paid day off. But first he will try Monday to convince the Senate to send the bill back to committee for more study.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that honoring the civil rights martyr on the third Monday of January would cost the federal government $18 million in lost productivity.

Opponents cite a U.S. Chamber of Commerce estimate of $4 billion including private sector costs.

President Reagan, critical of the price of a King holiday in the past, has recently refrained from taking a position on the bill.
OSU salutes Martin Luther King; tribute features black role models

By Julie Truck
Lantern staff writer

The Office of Minority Affairs will kick off its 12th annual tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. Saturday.

The events will run through Thursday and will feature prominent black speakers, an OSU artist’s exhibit, two films, a gospel music documentary and a gospel music group.

Rose Wilson, director of special programs for the office, said the purpose of the program is to expose students and city residents to prominent role models in the black community.

“We try to feature individuals who have achieved excellence in their own right,” she said.

Wilson said she believes the tribute helps students understand the impact that King and his ideals had upon the nation. Many students were too young to understand King’s role in the civil rights movement of the ’60s, she said.

King was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., in 1968.

Frank Hale, vice provost for the Office of Minority Affairs, said King’s dream has yet to be realized.

“He stood for economic, political and educational rights, but there are still several holes that need to be filled,” Hale said.

Sen. Julian Bond, D-Ga., will speak on “Whatever happened to Martin Luther King’s Dream?” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Ohio Union West Ballroom.

In 1965 Bond was refused his seat in the Georgia House of Representatives by legislators who objected to Bond’s anti-Vietnam statements. The Supreme Court overruled the decision in 1967, allowing Bond to serve in the House until his Senate election in 1974.

Among the OSU events is a speech by minister Louis Farrakhan, national representative of the Islamic religion, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Ohio Union West Ballroom. Following Farrakhan’s speech, the Columbus chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America will perform special musical presentations.

King’s friend to speak about slain leader

By Lori Bruno
Lantern staff writer

“Martin Luther King slept here November 22, 1959.”

The Rev. Phale Hale is proud Martin Luther King slept in his home and even has a plaque marking the bed where King slept.

Hale will honor his friend in a speech at 8 p.m. Monday in the Tap Room of Drake Union.

Carolyn Amey, coordinator of Drake Union programs, said Hale will speak after a film entitled “Martin Luther King — Montgomery to Memphis.” An open discussion will follow the speech.

The commemoration is part of the Drake Union ‘Discover-Ease’ series. The Office of Black Student Programs is co-sponsoring Monday’s activities.

Hale is the pastor at Union Grove Baptist Church, a past president of the Columbus chapter of the NAACP and a former state representative for Columbus’ 31st District.

Hale’s wife, Cleo, said she and her husband have had various affiliations with King.

“I’ve known the King family since Martin was a child in Atlanta,” Cleo Hale said. “Since Martin was a pastor and so is my husband, they kept in touch through Baptist activities.

“Phale also worked with Martin on the Southern Christian Leadership Conference,” she said.

The SCLC is Martin Luther King’s civil rights organization.

The Martin Luther King room in the Hales’ house contains pictures of King and his family and books that were written and autographed by King.
Several observances mark King's birthday

By Janet A. Pearl

Observances in Columbus on Sunday will commemorate the anniversary of the birthday of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

City and state offices will be closed Monday, but federal offices and financial institutions will be open.

The Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy of Atlanta, King's successor as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will give a memorial lecture at 8 p.m. Sunday in Capital University's Meet Hall.

Ohio State University began its 12th Annual Tribute to King on Saturday with a speech by Minister Louis Farrakhan, national representative of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam. An art exhibit and films will be offered this week at OSU. The tribute to the slain civil rights leader will conclude with an appearance by Georgia state Sen. Julian Bond at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Mark W. Woods, a commissioner of the South Linden Area Commission, said 600 candles were distributed to homes in the South Linden area. The candles are to be lit on Monday at 7 p.m.

Woods, 33, said the candles are part of a citywide recognition of the slain civil rights leader arranged by Mayor Dana G. Rinehart and City Council President Jerry Hammond.

The Rev. Leon L. Troy, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, 186 N. 17th St., said the mayor and other city officials will attend a citywide memorial service at Columbus' oldest black church at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

Troy, 57, said, "Dr. King reminded people that they can live and work together without doing it at the expense of others; that we are to live in a just society where the strong and the able must be willing to assist those who are less fortunate than they.

"He has demonstrated that love and fair play will ultimately win."

In Licking County, Denison University at Granville is holding a weeklong workshop to study King's legacy of non-violence.
King to be honored

By Cheri Hill
Lantern staff writer 1-11-85

Keeping the dream alive is the goal of the celebration of the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The university is honoring the contributions King made to the civil rights cause Jan. 12, 14 and 17.

King's birthday would have been Jan. 15.

"It is more than recounting the contributions of King, it is to search and explain the ways to fulfill his dream," said Frank Hale, Vice Provost for Minority Affairs.

"The impact of this man's contributions are monumental," Hale said.

This is the 13th annual tribute the Office of Minority Affairs has made to the memory of the Nobel Peace Prize-winner.

"We want to be sure we allow the campus and community to keep Dr. King's contributions in their minds," said Rose Wilson, director of special programs for the Office of Minority Affairs.

Wilson said it is important to continue the dedications because many students were very young when King was assassinated in 1968, and therefore do not remember the strength and impact his work had on the world.

"It is a part of black heritage, and for that very reason, students of many cultures should want to assist in the appreciation of black heritage and understand the struggles people went through," Wilson said.

She said the celebration is also to inspire people.

"He was a unique person, the finest of a role model," Wilson said. King's strong belief for non-violence was finally recognized when he received the Nobel Peace Prize.

"A lot has been improved through the years, but America is in the state of complacency," Wilson said. "We need to keep things going."

A lack of national leadership has slowed civil rights progress and is not a high priority in the nation's conscience; whereas King brought awareness and social purpose to the issues, Hale said.

"Kennedy and Johnson placed affirmative action on the front burner, Nixon (put it) on the back burner, and Reagan has taken it clear off the stove," Hale said.

On issues such as voting rights and the legalization of King's birthday, Hale said President Ronald Reagan did not support these laws, but has merely reacted to pressures from society.

King's birthday will be a national holiday in 1986.

"King reminds us that we are diverse," Hale said. "We need to be conscious of that diversity."

"We want to keep the tradition going," said Alfreda Salter, a junior from Warren. "I don't think it has progressed — at least not to the point it should have," Salter said.

"I have always respected the man," said Alicia Bullard, a freshman from Warren. "This is (my way) to pay tribute to his memory."

The speakers and performers for the tribute also serve as role models, Wilson said.

Thomas Todd, an attorney from Chicago, will begin the tribute 8 p.m. Saturday when he speaks at Weigel Hall Auditorium.

Concluding the tribute Jan. 17 will be Rev. Charles E. Booth, pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, who will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Weigel Hall Auditorium.

"Both Todd and Booth are distinguished and have a lot to bring to the campus and Columbus community," Wilson said.

The role models show what students can do with their lives, Wilson said. Art, gospel music, lectures and a Broadway show are included in the tribute to King.

The tribute strives to keep King's contributions cemented in people's minds, and for them "to do whatever they can to effect changes, so that there will be, eventually, equality for all minorities in America," Wilson said.
Observances will honor slain civil rights leader

Local commemorations honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held on Tuesday, the slain civil rights leader's birthday, and on Jan. 21, the state holiday.

City offices will close, parking meters will be free and there will be no city trash collection Tuesday. No-parking zone restrictions will be enforced.

State offices and liquor stores, Franklin County offices and Columbus and suburban school districts will observe the Jan. 21 holiday.

Municipal Court will close Tuesday, and Common Pleas Court will close Jan. 21.

State officials plan a noon observance Tuesday at Trinity Episcopal Church, S. 3rd and E. Broad Sts., to commemorate King. The public is invited to the observance, which will include remarks by Gov. Richard F. Celeste.

Other features of the ceremony, which is expected to last about 45 minutes, include comments from King's cousin, the Rev. Joel King Jr., and from William G. Sykes, Ohio administrative services director.

There also will be a music presentation by the Columbus chapter of the Gospel Workshop of America.

A spokesman for Celeste said the Tuesday observance was set because "we doubt too many state employees would come Downtown if they have the day off" the next week.

Financial institutions will be open both days, as will federal offices, including courts and the Postal Service stations. Federal offices will not observe the King holiday until 1986.
Local pastor to speak at King tribute

The Rev. Timothy Clarke will present the keynote address for the University's 19th annual tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. at 7 p.m. Jan. 17 in Wiegel Hall Auditorium.

Joining Clarke will be tenor Larnelle Harris, who will sing contemporary gospel songs.

The free event is sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs.

Clarke is the senior pastor of the First Church of God, Columbus. He is an evangelist and teacher, and serves on the board of directors of the National Association of the Church of God. Clarke is active in many civic organizations, including the Near East Area Commission and the Governor's Task Force on Prison Reform. His campus ministry includes six universities, including Ohio State.

Harris, who will present a mini concert, is one of only two gospel artists to have received five Grammy Awards, including best male gospel performance in 1989. He also has won numerous Dove awards, including three in 1988 — Male Vocalist, Inspirational Album and Songwriter of the Year. He has earned many other honors.

His newest release is "Larnelle Live...Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs."

For more information about the King tribute, call 292-8156.
OMA to honor King

By Tracy Turner
Lantern staff writer

The Office of Minority Affairs will host its 19th annual tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. today at 7 p.m. in the Weigel Hall Auditorium.

The program will feature a keynote address from the Rev. Timothy Clarke, senior pastor at the First Church of God, 115 Wilson Ave., and a performance by Larnelle Harris, a contemporary gospel artist.

"We are excited about it," said Rose Wilson, director of academic studies in the Office of Minority Affairs. "When you have two greats such as these come together for one celebration, it promises to be spectacular," she said.

Wilson said the program is necessary because of President Bush's veto of the Civil Rights Bill and the problems in the Persian Gulf.

"It is important to remember what King represented and to give hope that his dream can still be realized," she said. "This program can allow history to be revisited, to let younger people know what King stood for and his impact on the country and the world."

With the designation of Jan. 15 as deadline for Iraq to withdraw its troops from Kuwait, Wilson said President Bush has had a negative impact on King's birthday.

"Although it may seem negative on the surface, no matter what happens, we still have a pride in knowing his (King's) legacy will live on forever," Wilson said. "Not only blacks, but all those who identify with the struggle will not forget."

The program will also feature a slide presentation on the events in the life of King. The program is free and open to the public.
King tribute held at Weigel Hall

By Tracy Turner
Lantern staff writer

More than 600 people gathered last night at Weigel Auditorium to pay tribute to the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. “Today has been a difficult day for many — men and women fighting a war in the gulf. With this in mind, tonight we come together to honor the legacy of a man of peace,” said the Rev. Timothy Clarke, senior pastor at the First Church of God, 115 Wilson Ave. and keynote speaker of the program.

“Dr. King was a man who changed the course of not only this nation, but of the world,” Clarke said. “He was a gift from God.”

The program was held not only to honor King, but to show that a university is more than going to class — it is an institution that addresses the concerns and challenges of the whole person, Joseph Russell, vice-provost of Minority Affairs, said. With the war in the gulf, the program was important in bringing back emphasis on the birth of King, and is being used as a beginning to kick off other celebrations of King, Stephanie Penn, secretary of Minority Affairs, said.

“Tonight we have come here on an occasion that brings us joy,” Russell said. “We have come to remember the dreamer, and reflect on the dream.”

The program “Remembering the Dream”, sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs, also featured a slide presentation on the life of King, written by Lawrence Williamson with musical selections from Larnelle Harris.

The slide presentation covered every aspect of King: as a family man, as a leader, and his immortalization through monuments and the naming of streets in his honor, Williamson said.

Clarke said it is important to remember that the dream is bigger than the dreamer, and that “you may kill the dreamer, but you can’t kill the dream.”

King would have been 62 this year.
King's contributions observed by campus

By Lois Jackson
Lantern staff writer

Thirty years after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech, his words and contributions will be remembered across campus.

OSU Hospitals will offer a "Celebration of the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." Staff members from the College of Medicine, OSU Hospitals Intensive Caring and The Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Research Institute will pay tribute to King during the hospital's event.

Keynote speaker Sybil Edwards-McNabb, former Columbus NAACP president, will address how the work of slain civil rights leaders influenced her life, the news release stated. Listeners will also be treated to soul food in Seasons Cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Rhodes Hall Auditorium. Edwards-McNabb will speak from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Other highlights at the hospitals' program will be inspirational singing and highlights about King's life, the release stated.

Other events for the week are the university's 21st tribute to King and an art exhibit, said David Williams, II, vice provost for Minority Affairs.

Lawrence Williamson, assistant director of the Frank W. Hale, Jr. Black Cultural Center, said he and Steve Cambell, guest curator at Bricker Hall, are sponsoring the art exhibits called "Art Expressions" and "The Levy."

"Art Expressions" is a showcase of folk art paintings by nine OSU undergraduates, located on the first floor of Bricker Hall, Williamson said.

"The Levy," an exhibit of other local artists, will be located on the second floor of Bricker Hall.

Immediately following the exhibit, there will be a march from Bricker Hall to Weigel Auditorium to hear Damon Jerome Keith, federal judge of the sixth circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, give the keynote address.

Columbus gospel artists, "Unlimited Praise," will set the stage at Weigel Auditorium.

Organizations such as the Black Studies Department, African-American Student Services, the Hale Center, minority fraternities and sororities are not formally a part of these activities. Members of these organizations are participating in a citywide march downtown to celebrate King's birthday.
Clarification

In the Jan. 12 Lantern, dates in the article about events commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday were unclear. The march to Weigel Auditorium and art exhibits in Bricker Hall, sponsored by the Office of Minority Affairs, are today.
MEDIA ADVISORY
January 18, 2002

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Ohio State students to honor Martin Luther King Jr.  
Peace march, service projects to highlight the day

Students at The Ohio State University will honor the life of slain civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. by taking part in community service projects and a peace march on Monday (1/21).

Students will gather at 9 a.m. at the Ohio Union, 1739 N. High St., to take part in Ohio State’s MLK Day of Service. Participants will volunteer for one of 25 Columbus-area service-projects that deal with children, literacy, senior citizens and the homeless. Students are expected to return to campus between 2 to 2:30 p.m.

In addition, members of the Iota Phi Theta fraternity will lead a peace march for the first time in honor of King’s civil-rights activism. Participants in the march will leave Ohio State’s Frank W. Hale Jr. Black Cultural Center, 153 W. 12th Ave., at 3:30 p.m. and march to Columbus City Hall. There, they will join Columbus’ 30th annual King Day march. At 5 p.m., marchers will leave City Hall and proceed to Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

WHAT: Ohio State University students celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day with a peace-march and Day of Service.

WHEN: MLK Day of Service – Registration begins at 9 a.m.  
Peace March – 3:30 p.m. on Monday (1/21).

WHERE: MLK Day of Service – Various times and places around the Columbus.  

WHY: To honor civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr.

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