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Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

By Simone Griffin, MAP Intern

The Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday is a day for celebrating the life and legacy of a man who brought the hope of social justice, racial equality, and peace to millions of people in America. Dr. King's dream of equality and peace was brought to life for the students of West Georgia through a tribute performance by acclaimed actor, writer, and historian Barry Scott. Scott performed a one-man play, "Ain't Got Long to Stay Here" on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at the Townsend Center for the Performing Arts.

Scott's convincing portrayal of Dr. King's dream inspired UWG students to continue to educate peers and generations of students in order to promote social change throughout the world. Student Shane Roberts states, "The play brought a new light in commemorating Dr. King's life and teachings."

The one-man play brought UWG students with the will to fulfill and continue Dr. King's dream and create new pathways to help achieve the goal for social change and peace.



The Carnival of Blacks and Whites in Pasto, Colombia

By Claudia Reyes-Laserna, MAP Graduate Assistant

The Carnival of Blacks and Whites is celebrated every year from January 4 through January 6, in Pasto, Colombia and attracts a large number of tourists from all around the world. In April 2002, the Congress of the Republic of Colombia declared the event a "National Cultural Heritage." The Carnival is split into four phases: The pre-carnival, The Day of the Castaneda Family, The Day of the Blacks, and The Day of the Whites. It is the most ancient carnival of all celebrations of South America. Its origins date back to the times of the Spanish ruling.

The pre-carnival starts with "el Dia de los Inocentes" on the 28 of December, which is the Colombian equivalent for April's Fool Day, when everybody throws water at each other. January 4 is the day in which the arrival of the Castaneda family is commemorated, a country family from El Encanto, Department of Antioquia, North of Pasto. The family is composed with an exotic grandmother, a pregnant daughter dressed in white ready to get married and many little naughty children. On this day they are remembered and represented carrying lots of luggage, their mattresses and their kitchen utensils.



During the Day of the Blacks, January 5, the people from Pasto commemorate the day that African slaves had a free day in which they released all their happiness. People on the streets paint each other in black. The Day of the Blacks is followed by the Day of the Whites. During the Day of the Whites, people paint each other white, as well as throw different types of white powder on each other.

The final parade takes place with the presentation of dances, musical groups, costumes and floats, all of them competing for the prizes. The carnival floats are works of high quality and originality elaborated by local artisans who spend the entire year preparing for this occasion.



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Faculty/Staff Spotlight

Dr. Adel Abunawass is the faculty of the month for February. He is the Department Chair and Professor for the Department of Computer Science.

Dr. Abunawass is a member of various professional organizations such as: Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), Institute of Electric and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and International Neural Network Society (INNS).

In his spare time, he enjoys traveling around the world. His favorite place to visit is Paris, France. Dr. Abunawass also enjoys spending time with his cats (whenever they feel like it), listening to the blues and Car Talk, and endlessly searching for the meaning of a chair's life!



Dr. Adel Abunawass

Student Spotlight

Candice Burns is the student of the month for February. Candice is a sophomore at the University of West Georgia majoring in Early Childhood and Secondary Education, with a concentration in social studies.

Candice is a native of the Bronx, New York. She is an MAP Mentor, HOPE Scholar, and a MAP Guided Success Leader for freshmen students.

Candice plans to finish her degree at UWG and continue her education by attending graduate school at Georgia State University. In addition, Candice plans to teach and one day become a principal.

In her spare time, she enjoys shopping and reading suspense novels by her favorite author, James Patterson.



Candice Burns

Upcoming Events

UWG's International Wednesdays

In TLC 1303 at 7:00 pm

Feb. 7 International Film Series Presents: **Blackboards**

Wandering teachers travel to Iranian Kurdistan, near the border of Iraq. They carry blackboards on their backs that they use to take cover from army helicopters hovering overhead.

Feb. 14 Spanish Cine Club Presents: **Bandidos**

A kid runs away from boarding schools to watch the cave where a bunch of bandits hide.

Feb. 21 Cinematheque Presents: **Le grand voyage**

Reda, a young French-Moroccan man and his old father drive from the south of France to Mecca in order for the father to do his pilgrimage. At first distant, they gradually learn to know each other.

Feb. 28 Junges Kino Presents: **Sophie Scholl: The Final Days**

A dramatization of the final days of Sophie Scholl, one of the most famous members of the German World War II anti-Nazi resistance movement, The White Rose.

Tuesday, Feb. 13 Day 7:30 pm-Day of Hope@ HPE Building

Tuesday, Feb. 20 12:00 pm -Mardi Gras of Majors@ TLC Atrium

Thursday, Feb. 15 Tales of the Ashanti @ Townsend Center

Black Student Alliance

Sunday, Feb. 4 - Super Bowl Party; 4pm-10pm; UCC 311 & 312

Thursday, Feb. 8- History U Left Behind

Thursday, Feb. 15-Urban Expressions

Wednesday, Feb. 28- BHS Play