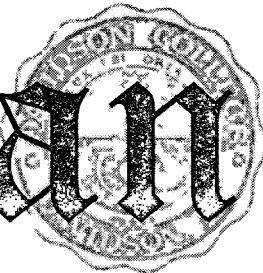


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◆ Junior Tarik Khan enjoys spaghetti at the Project Life Spaghetti Dinner at the Outpost. The proceeds from the fundraiser, which kicked off the First Night Down festivities on Friday, will go to help Davidson students be typed for bone marrow compatability.



Julie Failey

Cone lectures on Malcolm X and Martin Luther King's impact

BY LAURA CRAVER
Staff Writer

Dr. James H. Cone, distinguished author and leading black theologian, presented a two-part lecture series, entitled *Martin, Malcolm & America*, as part of the Otts Lecture Series on Wednesday and Thursday night in the 900 Room. The Religion Department hosted Dr. Cone, a graduate of Garrett Theological Seminary and Northwestern University and the Charles A. Griggs Distinguished Professor of Systematic Theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He has written 10 books that have been translated into over nine languages, published more than 100 articles, and has lectured at over 700 colleges, universities, divinity schools, and organizations throughout the United States, Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. Often referred to as the foremost articulator of black theology, Dr. Cone has written extensively about the negligence of racial oppression and the Black Experience in traditional white Christian theology. Cone became restless and frustrated with theological training that focused on the conflicts between Protestants and Catholics in the 16th Century, while overlooking the current Protestant brutality against black Americans. Drawing on his own childhood in rural Bearden, Arkansas, and his theological training in predominantly white educational institutions, Dr. Cone has given rise to a movement in Christian theology that is distinctly black and influenced by the enslavement and degradation of black Americans. Inspired by what he sees as the "great moral crisis of racism in religion," Cone forces Christian theology to come to terms with racial justice. Emphasizing the inconsistencies he sees in white theology, Cone asks the question, "How can you enslave and segregate a people and still have the correct thinking about God?"

Dr. Cone spoke intimately to the gathering of the Davidson community, a mixture of faculty, citizens, students, and local religious leaders, about the underlying differences and similarities between Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X, their "search for the freedom America promised but never delivered," and their strong impact on black theology. Although often portrayed as adversaries with opposing philosophies in the Civil Rights Movement, Martin King, as Cone referred to him, and Malcolm X were two crusaders whose approaches to freedom were influenced by geography and religion. Cone argued that while America is more "comfortable" with King, Malcolm X's influence should not be denied, and neither one of these leaders should be misinterpreted or "mythicalized."

"Admirers of Martin and Malcolm must be willing to consider their limitations," Cone said, "and critics must recognize their contributions. And, the greatness of each can be perceived only through the acknowledgment of their humanity."

On Wednesday night, Cone corrected common misconceptions of Martin

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Service forum spotlights Davidson youth

BY LIZ NEIHEISEL
News Editor

The Davidson College Service Council held the first in a series of three community forums last Monday, September 14, to discuss the current situation of Davidson community youth. The forum focused on programs available through the college and community, the needs still in existence, and how to meet those needs.

Jill Williams, co-chair of the Service Council, introduced the forum to an twenty-member audience gathered in the Homeroom, and then turned the mediation over to Bonner Scholar Coordinator Justin Verm. Verm reviewed the purpose and goals of the forum, and introduced the panel.

The forum panel consisted of community program coordinators and Davidson residents Jill Cozens and Georgia Harris, Davidson College Americorps students Moniece Robinson and Eric Knoche, and Davidson community youth representatives Sandy, William Alexander, LaDonna Brown, and Bell Williams.

Cozens serves as director of the Davidson Youth Activity Center,

a program established two years ago for middle school youth. The center provides programming on various Friday evenings for these students and organizes a panel of youth officers to serve as an advisory committee to the program. Sandy, A local middle school student, serves an officer on this council. DYAC runs with the support of parent volunteers, and is hoping to draw on college volunteers as well. The program will become affiliated with the Boys and Girls Club of America in the next year. This support "will make it easier for fundraising and give (DYAC) a big name behind it," said Cozens.

Moniece Robinson, a sophomore Davidson Bonner Scholar and Americorps student, spent the summer working with DYAC, and is in the process of developing an eight month leadership program. The program will teach students to brainstorm in a productive way and focus on effective communication.

Georgia Harris, the Associate Executive Director at the Lake Norman YMCA, oversees the teen center at the Y and serves on the community development committee for Davidson. Harris attended the

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