## Yolanda King to Speak as Part of Student Government Lectures

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Student Writer



Yolanda King, eldest daughter of Coretta Scott King and the late Martin Luther King Jr., will speak at the Houlihan-McLean Center on Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend at no charge.

Her appearance Yolanda King is part of the Student Government lecture series "The Faces Behind the Issues and The Issues Behind the Faces" in conjunction with the University's observance of Black History Month.

King's lecture/performance will blend poetry, prose and dramatic monologues focusing on the theme "A Dream

Yolanda King was born two weeks before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus, which ultimately led to the desegregation of the South. Consequently, she has been in the midst of the struggle for human rights her entire life and currently works with various human-rights organizations and causes.

She serves on the board of directors for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change Inc., and

directs the center's Cultural Affairs Program

In addition, King is a member of the Christian Leadership Southern Conference, the Fellowship Reconciliation, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and is a lifetime member of the N.A.A.C.P. Her publications include "Using Television to Teach Nonviolence" in Teachers Guides to Television and a column for Black Family Magazine.

King is just as active in the arts. She studied acting, speech and dance at The Actor's and Writer's Workshop in Atlanta, Ga., and appeared in productions in and around the Atlanta area.

She received a bachelor's degree with honors in theatre and African-American Studies from Smith College in Northampton, Mass., and co-directed the student theatre workshop. She then obtained a M.F.A. in theatre from New York University and performed in showcase and Off-Off-Broadway productions.

King explained why she blends her artistic talents and her desire for social change to serve mankind.

'While it is imperative to actively challenge the forces that deny human beings their right to a decent life...one must also stimulate and alter the hearts and minds of both the privileged as well as those who have been too long denied. Within the arts lies this power," she said.



University students and staff joined a large group of volunteers who helped clean up a vacant house in Scranton for the inaugural venture of Habitat for Humanity of Lackawanna County Inc. The house will be rehabilitated for use by a needy family. From left are Ellen Greaven, Campus Ministries; Bill Genello, Public Relations: and students Kathy Sprows, Aston; Laura Maliszewski, Baltimore, Md.; Dominique Ponzio, Norristown; and Bob Wilson, Florham Park, N.J.

#### **Larry Morton Appointed Assistant to Vice President**

Lawrence J. Morton, D.Ed., dean of students, has been appointed assistant to the vice president for student affairs in an effort to streamline the department's organization, according to James T. Bryan, vice president for student affairs.

Morton will assist the vice president in leadership, management, program development and assesment of the division. His primary responsibilities will include a continued role as University disciplinary officer and serving as an assessment specialist, student publications moderator and general resource person.

"In the case of Dr. Morton we have a very good match, a very good linkage of talent and responsibility," Bryan said.

In addition to Morton's appointment, Bryan announced that Edward C. Nichols. Ph.D., director of residence life, will assume complete responsiblity for the operation of the residence life program and report directly to the vice president.

#### Communication Students' **PSA Wins Second Place**

Four University students won second place in a national competition sponsored by the Speech Communication Association (SCA) for a 30-second video public service announcement about the environment.

The students are Jane Koch, New Ringgold; Bridget McMahon, Ocean City, N.J.; Terry Shields, Binghamton, N.Y.; and Melanie Stankiewicz, Avoca.

The project was part of a public relations class taught by Jan Kelly, Ph.D., associate professor of communication. The students wrote and produced the spot with the technical assistance of Ed Conway, coordinator for media broadcast productions, and student assistant Brian Kennedy.

This is the first year University students entered the SCA competition, according to Kelly. "I am pleased with the national recognition we will receive as a result of this award," she said.

The award was presented to Robert Sadowski, Ph.D., professor of communication and department chairperson, at the Speech Communication Association convention in Atlanta.

#### Free Tax Assistance

The University again will offer area residents free assistance in preparing their federal, state and local income tax forms from Feb. 3 to April 15.

The Voluntary Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) will operate Mondays through Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 406 of O'Hara Hall, Jefferson Avenue on campus.

Appointments, although not necessary, can be made by calling the VITA office at (717) 941-7597 on or after Feb. 3.

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