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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – On Jan. 15, the birth date of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs will play DVDs of students, faculty and staff reciting famous King speeches via television in the corridor between the Henning Room and the Davidson Room in the Memorial Center (104 E. University St., Bloomington).

In preparation for the event, students, faculty, and staff have been invited to the Multicultural Center (1405 Park St., Bloomington) to videotape readings of Dr. King's speeches during the week of Jan. 7. The speeches will be separated into three-minute sections, and text will be provided. Afterwards, the readings will then be edited and played continuously throughout the day on Jan. 15.

Students, faculty and staff passing through the corridor that day can watch and listen to the speeches, then write their reactions and responses on paper provided on the adjacent wall.

Videotaped speeches will include "I Have a Dream," the address delivered in acceptance of his Nobel Peace Prize in December of 1964, his speech to the First Montgomery Improvement Association Mass Meeting, "Give Us the Ballot" as well as the speech Dr. King gave at the Great March in Detroit on June 23, 1963.

The first 20 participants to do a reading will receive a free t-shirt with an image of King and the quote, "The time is always right to do what is right." The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs will also hand out buttons with famous quotes on them throughout the week to be worn on Jan. 21, the observation of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

For more information contact the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs at (309) 556-3412.