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**Update: 13 January 2005 -**

**Reminder - Tonight - Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth is speaking at 7 p.m. at Spruce Street United Methodist Church as part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemoration. The WVU Center for Black Culture and Research and Dominion Energy are sponsoring this event.**

According to the CBC&R web site, the Rev. Shuttlesworth is the “last surviving member of the Civil Rights Movement’s ‘big three’ - which included King and Ralph Abernathy.

“Born in Alabama in 1922, Shuttlesworth attended Selma University and Alabama State College. He became the pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church in 1953.

“In May 1956, he established the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights. His fight for civil rights made him a target of white supremacists. On Christmas Day that year, his home was bombed, and he was nearly beaten to death after he announced ACMHR would test new anti-segregation laws in Birmingham, Ala.

“A year later, Shuttlesworth joined King, Abernathy and Bayard Rustin to form the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Based in Atlanta, the SCLC assisted local organizations working for the equality of African Americans. Its motto was: “Not one hair of one head of one person should be harmed.”

“King once described Shuttlesworth as ‘the most courageous civil rights fighter in the South.’ Throughout the early ’60s, Shuttlesworth participated in sit-in protests against segregated lunch counters, and he helped Congress of Racial Equality organize its Freedom Rides. He also led mass demonstrations against segregation in Birmingham.

“Today Shuttlesworth is still carrying the torch lit by King. He travels extensively, speaking to young people in hopes of inspiring a new generation that values diversity and equality.

“The commemoration, an annual tribute to King’s legacy of peaceful activism and community service, is organized by the WVU Center for Black Culture and Research and sponsored by Dominion Energy.”

The Unity Breakfast will be held on Monday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, from 8a.m.-10a.m. in the WVU Mountainlair Ballrooms. Contact the Center for Black Culture and Research at 293-7029 for more information. Reservations are requested for the breakfast, which is free and open to the public.

## **I. CCSJ PROJECTS**

**Next Steering Committee Meeting to be announced.** Please contact our secretary, Suzanne Gosden, at [suzanne.gosden@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:suzanne.gosden@mail.wvu.edu) or our president, Tim Hairston, at [questz1@adelphia.net](mailto:questz1@adelphia.net) if you have issues for the steering committee to consider.

### **County Commission Meeting**

Al Anderson, Suzanne Gosden, and Barb Howe made a presentation to the Monongalia County Commission meeting yesterday to discuss potential financial support from the commission. As part of this presentation, the three brought up the **idea of a county human rights commission**. We would like to further explore this idea, and

the commissioners suggested that we consider something that might include other areas than just the unincorporated areas of the county. Please note that they made no commitment to this idea, and we did not ask them to do so. This is all very, very preliminary, but, if you are interested in working on this, please contact Suzanne at [suzanne.gosden@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:suzanne.gosden@mail.wvu.edu), Barb at [barbara.howe@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:barbara.howe@mail.wvu.edu), or AI at 328-5002. We would have to show a need for such a group, as well as a structure, how this would work with the state human rights commission, etc. - including how a government body would differ from a not-for-profit group like CCSJ.

## **II. PLEASE SEND YOUR DUES AND IDEAS!**

If you have not yet done so, please send your dues so that we have the resources to continue our work. We use your money to purchase books for local schools, for instance. **Dues are \$5 for individuals and \$25 for organizations.** Youth under the age of 18 are free. Please send your checks, payable to CCSJ, to PO Box 160, Morgantown, WV 26507-0160.

Please send your web site suggestions to Mike Attfield at [attfield@labyrinth.net](mailto:attfield@labyrinth.net).

Please contact any of the steering committee members to volunteer to help and to share your suggestions for our work or e-mail us at [ccsjwv@hotmail.com](mailto:ccsjwv@hotmail.com).

Deadline for items to include in next Update will be January 31. Please send items to share with our membership to [ccsjwv@hotmail.com](mailto:ccsjwv@hotmail.com).

**If we can support your event or your issues in some way, please let us know, especially if you represent a member organization.** We want to be a true coalition that unites groups and individuals interested in social justice, so please let us know how we can help and please send us information about your group to publicize to our membership.

## **III. MEMBER ORGANIZATION NEWS**

### **Caritas House**

Catharine Clarenbach and Andy Barnes are coordinating the Greater Morgantown Homeless Survey for the Mon Valley Homeless Initiative. They need your help!

On Tuesday, January 25th, we will conduct a survey/street count of homeless individuals in the greater Morgantown area, in order to help provide better, more effective services, and to try ultimately to eradicate homelessness. From 7:30 am until 10:30 pm, they will have volunteers going out--in groups--to conduct surveys at locations throughout Morgantown.

All volunteers will be paid \$25 apiece, and are asked to commit to a block of time, ideally four hours, on the 25th, as well as coming to training this coming Saturday, the 15th, at 10:00.

If you or someone you know might be interested, or if you'd like more information, please call Catharine Clarenbach or Andy Barnes at Caritas at 598-5111, or email them at [clarenbach@caritashouse.org](mailto:clarenbach@caritashouse.org) or [abarnes@caritashouse.org](mailto:abarnes@caritashouse.org).

### **National Organization for Women**

The Morgantown Chapter of NOW has set its meeting schedule for the spring as follows, with all meetings at the WVU Law School at 7 p.m.: January 20, February 10, March 10, April 14, and May 12. Anyone interested in participating in the group this spring who has not become a member of NOW may get a form to print off at

[www.now.org/membership/member-print.html](http://www.now.org/membership/member-print.html) or join for on-line at [www.now.org/member.html](http://www.now.org/member.html). You can renew membership at [www.now.org/renew.html](http://www.now.org/renew.html). Please include the Morgantown chapter code, which is WV0205.

### **Center for Black Culture and Research Planning Black History Month 2005 at WVU**

The Center for Black Culture and Research would like to know any events being planned for Black History Month in February 2005 to include in its Africana History Month calendar of events. Please submit the following information by Wednesday, January 26:

- ! Name of Event
- ! Date
- ! Time
- ! Location
- ! Contact Person
- ! Contact Phone Number
- ! Sponsoring Organization(s)

You may send this information to: WVU Center for Black Culture and Research, 590 Spruce St., P.O. Box 6417, Morgantown, WV 26506-6417; or e-mail Ms. Phoenicia Keffer at [phoenicia.keffer@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:phoenicia.keffer@mail.wvu.edu). If your program involves a guest lecturer or performer, please include short biographical information, if possible.

### **Presbyterian Student Fellowship at WVU**

The calendar of events for this group is available at [http://www.psfatwvu.org/weekly\\_updates.htm](http://www.psfatwvu.org/weekly_updates.htm).

### **WVU Center for Women's Studies**

The WVU Center for Women's Studies is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in WVU's E. Moore Hall as part of the university's Honors Weekend program.

## **IV. LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL NEWS**

### **Morgantown Plans for National Freedom to Marry Day February 12th**

National Freedom to Marry Day is a celebration started by Lambda Legal, Human Rights Campaign, American Civil Liberties Union, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, National Organization for Women, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and other groups. Some WVU students are interested in doing something on campus to mark this event. According to Sara Bird, "One idea is a demonstration/public education/awareness event: pretend we lived in a 'gay' world and straight people were discriminated against. That sort of thing has been successful before." Another idea is to do guerilla theater in front of the Mountainlair or "a public education/awareness thing on how domestic partners both same sex and opposite have to shell out for legal paperwork to achieve legal protections that married folks get."

For information, please contact Sara Bird at [sarapearlbird@hotmail.com](mailto:sarapearlbird@hotmail.com).

### **Morgantown ACLU Patriot Act-Free Petition Drive Still Underway**

The Morgantown ACLU chapter is still working on the campaign to make Morgantown a Patriot Act-free community and is now trying to determine how many petitions may be outstanding toward the goal of getting 2200 signatures. If you have a petition that you have not yet submitted, please contact Chris Chapman at [champan\\_aclu@yahoo.com](mailto:champan_aclu@yahoo.com). If you would like to circulate petitions in support of this ordinance, please contact

Leah Rye at [squamishforever@yahoo.com](mailto:squamishforever@yahoo.com). Only residents of the City of Morgantown are eligible to sign these petitions, and the preference is for permanent residents of the city.

### **WVU Council for Women's Concerns Seeks Nominations for Mary Catherine Buswell Award**

Information about the Mary Catherine Buswell Award for is now available on the Council for Women's Concerns web-site at [www.as.wvu.edu/cwc/](http://www.as.wvu.edu/cwc/). This award, sponsored by the WVU Council for Women's Concerns, is presented annually to a living person who has provided outstanding service to WVU women (students, staff, and/or faculty). Service in this context normally should be above and beyond the individual's regular assignment. Those eligible for the award are WVU employees, WVU students, and citizens of West Virginia, including both men and women. Regional campus personnel are included. The award will be presented at the Annual WVU Honors Weekend Convocation on Friday, April 15, 2005. The deadline for receipt of applications is 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 18, 2005. For further information, contact C.B. Wilson at 293-2021.

### **Update from Rainbow Law**

Note: The following article is courtesy of Carrie Ross-Stone, the "Rainbow Grannies." Carrie is a WVU graduate.

"Welcome to the Uncensored E-Zine

"There are so many sources for progressive and LGBT news on the Internet, you could spend days scouring every cyber corner and barely scratch the surface of what's out there. Wouldn't it be great if there was just ONE place on the Net where you could access those thousands and thousands of articles and other information relevant to the LGBTQ Community?"

"Well now there is! It's called Rainbow Law's UN-CENSORED E-ZINE because that is what it is - uncensored news and information from the four-corners of the World-Wide-Web.

"In our continuing effort to be of service to the LGBT Community, our newsletter includes features like -- GLBT NEWS -- EYE ON BUSH -- EYE ON THE RIGHT-WING -- EYE ON THE ELECTION (still a brewing controversy unless you only listen to mainstream news) -- EYE ON THE WAR -- EYE ON THE WORLD - ENTERTAINMENT -- HEALTH & SCIENCE -- OPINION (please send us your letters) -- QUOTE OF THE DAY and HUMOR.

"In order to be as interesting and interactive as possible, we need your input. If you have an article you wish to submit or information about a news story that we are not covering, please let us know.

"We want the newsletter to be useful to you in your every day life. To help make it so, we are adding a FREE CLASSIFIED AD SECTION, a state specific BUSINESS DIRECTORY, space for ANNOUNCEMENTS about your Commitment Ceremony, Wedding, Anniversary, the Birth of your children, etc.

"Help us make the Newsletter informative -- submit your information for a FREE Classified ad or Announcement. Your ad will be read by thousands of visitors who visit our site daily!

"The UN-CENSORED E-ZINE has a special focus on the LGBTQ community. We work from the vision that LGBT people and our supporters must stay connected in order to thrive. We believe that when we stand together, we will survive -- even as opponents of equality continue their negative campaign.

"Please take a moment to check out our UN-CENSORED E-ZINE and let us know what you think. We welcome your suggestions and if you enjoy it, please forward it to your friends.

“Like all of our projects to promote legal equality on [www.RainbowLaw.com](http://www.RainbowLaw.com), we hope that you find our UN-CENSORED E-ZINE interesting, inspiring and helpful and we look forward to receiving your comments so that we can continue to meet your specific needs.

“If you have any questions, please write to [newsletter@RainbowLaw.com](mailto:newsletter@RainbowLaw.com) or call (800) 891-8189.

Thank-you,

Carrie & Elisia

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