**UK AT THE HALF featuring Chester Grundy and Terry Allen**

**Tuesday, Jan. 9 – Texas A&M at UK men's basketball**

**CARL NATHE**: THANKS, KEITH.

**Chester Grundy:** To celebrate the life of Dr. King and to have the opportunity to, each year, delve into his life and work is a real privilege.

**CARL NATHE:** CHESTER GRUNDY RECENTLY RETIRED UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY ADMINISTRATOR AND CO-CHAIR OF THE ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY HOLIDAY PLANNING COMMITTEE. A JOINT EFFORT OF UK, THE CITY OF LEXINGTON AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS. SEVERAL EVENTS, WHICH ARE FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE, WILL TAKE PLACE THIS MONDAY, JANUARY 15 IN DOWNTOWN LEXINGTON.

**Terry Allen:** The growth of this event has been truly amazing. We’ve seen it go from hundreds to literally thousands. The celebration itself goes far beyond just the community of Lexington to the surrounding communities and those that are in some of the far reaches in the state of Kentucky.

**CARL NATHE:** THAT’S UK ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT TERRY ALLEN WHO COORDINATES THE ANNUAL FREEDOM MARCH WHICH BEGINS AT 10 AM from HERITAGE HALL.

**Terry Allen:** It has a different meaning to each and every individual, to each and every organization.

**CARL NATHE:** A SPECIAL PROGRAM FEATURING ANTI-RACIST EDUCATOR AND AUTHOR TIM WISE AS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER BEGINS INSIDE HERITAGE HALL AT 11 AM. GRUNDY SAID, "AWARENESS OF DR. KING'S LEGACY NEARLY 50 YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH IS MORE VITAL THAN EVER.

**Chester Grundy:** It's particularly important that we acknowledge and do all we can to properly communicate and transmit that understanding to young people. The values that shaped this whole ideal of America. There's possibility.

**CARL NATHE:** THE MLK DAY PROGRAM ALSO FEATURES THE MUSIC OF CHARLES LITTLE AND SANDRA "SISSY" WILLIAMS,AS WELL AS A COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR. AT 2 PM THE KENTUCKY THEATER AND ONE WORLD FILMS PRESENT THE MOVIE HIDDEN FIGURES. AT 5 PM AT THE LYRIC THEATER THE DRAMATIC PLAY THE MEETING WILL BE PERFORMED. THE MARCH PROGRAM MOVIE AND PLAY ALL ARE FREE AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

**Terry Allen:** This celebration instills a sense of hope, a sense of wellbeing, a sense that our differences make us stronger as individuals, as groups, as a community. When we unite our differences for a common cause. That is special. The Martin Luther King celebration offers one of those special opportunities.

**CARL NATHE:** MLK DAY. JANUARY 15 IN DOWNTOWN LEXINGTON. FOR MORE VISIT UKY.EDU/MLK/, SEEING BLUE, I'M CARL NATHE WITH UK AT THE HALF.