National Urban League president to speak

John E. Jacob, National Urban League Inc. president and chief executive officer, will be the featured speaker at the University Park observance of the national holiday to honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

He will speak in Eisenhower Auditorium at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16.

The University Park observance of the King holiday will be telecast live by satellite uplink to nearly all Penn State locations around the state. WPSX-TV also will carry Mr. Jacob's speech on PENNARAMA, which reaches a large audience around the state.

The event is one of numerous activities scheduled at University Park and many other Penn State campuses to mark the holiday. Included will be a "Moment of Tribute" at University Park when the Old Main chimes will toll for two minutes before noon.

Eighth and ninth period classes will be cancelled Universitywide to allow classes that are essential to a particular program, such as a laboratory session which could not be postponed or rescheduled. Staff members — with the exception of those who are in essential services — at University Park will be excused from work at 3:45 p.m. to allow time to get to Eisenhower Auditorium for the program.

Mr. Jacob, president of the National Urban League since 1982, directs the nation's most respected community-based social service and advocacy agency. The organization serves millions of Americans through a structure encompassing a national headquarters in New York City, a Washington, D.C., operations department, a research arm, three full regional service centers, a regional service center desk and affiliates in 113 cities.

Mr. Jacob also is author of the weekly newspaper column, "To Be Equal," which is distributed by the Copley News Service to more than 600 newspapers. In addition he has written articles on national issues for major publications.

Mr. Jacob serves as chairman of the Howard University Board of Trustees and serves on the boards of the National Conference of Christians and Jews Inc., the Local Initiatives Support Corp. and the Independent Sector. He is co-chairman of the Citizens Commission on AIDS for the New York City-Northern New Jersey Region and a member of the National Council on Foreign Relations. He also serves on the board at New York Telephone Co., Continental Corp. and Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc.

A native of Houston, Texas, Mr. Jacob received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Howard University. He is listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Black America and Ebony Magazine's 100 Most Influential Black Americans.