

Abernathy lecture disappointing

(Editors Note: This is a student's comment on the lecture given by the Rev. Dr. Ralph Abernathy on Feb. 23.)

Rev. Dr. Ralph Abernathy's appearance on campus was not only poorly attended by the student body, but his address was also very disappointing. Dr. Abernathy spoke not of equality and of the Black man in America as was expected, but rather he devoted his time to spouting the same old rhetoric of an "immoral war" (was there ever a moral one?), the draft system, Agnew, etc., which seems so common nowadays from the self-acclaimed connoisseurs of world affairs.

Dr. Abernathy did not stop at attacking the Nixon administration and its commitments to our allies, he went on to condemn our nuclear defense system. Obviously we are not the only nation with nuclear weapons. Why didn't he condemn and call for disarmament from both sides? Perhaps the good doctor doesn't believe the

Communists are a threat to America or perhaps he just doesn't believe America deserves defending.

As for the spending involved with the space program, Dr. Abernathy would do well to note what Prof. Von Braun has presented in its defense. Not only has it paid for itself in our progress with agriculture, communications, and meteorology, but the great majority of the estimated 25 billion dollars annual outlay goes to the salaries of the NASA employees, which, by the way, keeps them off welfare lines. Isn't the doctor for employment, or is he just for handouts?

Where does Dr. Abernathy's political sympathies lie? Well, let's see; he claims he's not a Republican, calls the Democrats traitors, and he deplores capitalism, yet he supports the self-proclaimed Communist, Angela Davis. Perhaps he's just color blind; perhaps he's something else.