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Reverend Glover speaks on race, peace

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One race, many cultures is the theme Rev. Clarence Glover carries with him. In celebration of African-American Heritage Month, Glover spoke on the reconciliation of the human race.

Rev. Clarence Glover, the executive director of multicultural education for the Dallas public school system, asked his audience to open their eyes to today's racism problem. He said elimination of racism is not possible until our society realizes the problem persists. He said until a desire for community is present people will not be able to live in a peaceful union. He came to the University of Maine to speak to students and faculty about living in such a union.

Glover wore a traditional African dress consisting of a long robe and a skullcap and a tie to celebrate the joining of Africa and America. By wearing ancient African clothing Glover said he is able to reclaim his pre-slavery identity.

Glover spoke of how all humans came from a mutual place. He went on to say that we are one biological community with common blood. He

believes the journey to peace and justice will require us to realize the connection between the races. Once each culture's uniqueness is acknowledged, the framework to rid our society of racism will be established.

Last Thursday night a diverse audience attended Glover's speech and at least one woman was inspired to take the journey.

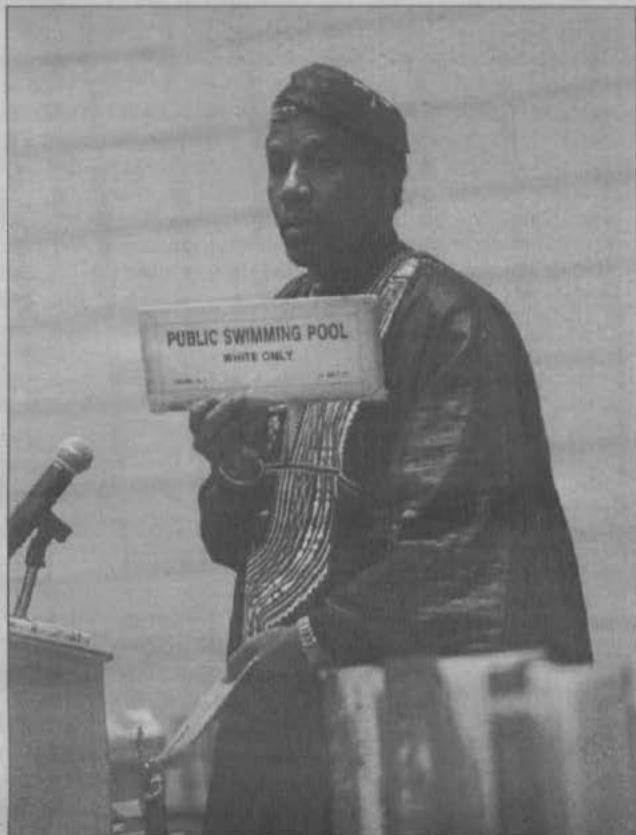
"Glover is a very powerful and informative speaker," said Jamie Bragg, a second year UMaine student. "I was very inspired by his speech."

Glover referred to race as the witchcraft of our time because the concept is based on artificial perceptions alone.

According to anthropologists, there is no such thing as race. Glover said the idea of race came from faulty science. Race only looks at physical appearance and fails to reflect that human composition is 99 percent the same.

Glover talked about how there cannot be reconciliation in America because there was never a peaceful relationship among the races.

"We must first apologize, for we live in a country that was



Clarence Glover used props to impact the effectiveness of his speech on ending racism of all colors, at Neville Hall on Friday night. CAMPUS PHOTO BY MARK LIPCZYNSKI

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taken," Glover said.

He said a sense of healthy cultural identity must first be established before complete multiculturalism can be attained.

Glover works with 150,000 students per year on racism and cultural identity issues. This month alone Glover will be giving 20 lectures throughout the country.