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M.L.K. & Malcolm X

Philosophies of Freedom

Members of the black student community say King and Malcolm X had more in common than most realize.

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The hot summer day in Brooklyn is marked by confrontations and insults between blacks and whites in the neighborhood. As night falls, the tension explodes when a black man is killed by a white police officer.

His friends, who see it happen, take out their rage by trashing and burning the local pizza place, run by a white man and his two sons, one of whom is responsible for many of the insults.

As Spike Lee's much-praised but controversial 1989 movie *Do the Right Thing* comes to a close, words from history's two most prominent civil rights leaders appear on the screen.

"Violence as a way of



Graphic by Jeff Paslay

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achieving racial justice is both impractical and immoral," reads the first statement, by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. "It is impractical because it is a destruction spiral ending in destruction for all. The old law of an eye for an eye leaves everybody blind."

Those words are followed by a statement from Malcolm X:

"I think there are plenty of good people in America but there are also plenty of bad people ... and the bad ones are the ones who seem to have all the power and be in these positions to block the things that you and I need."

"Because this is the situation, you and I have to pre-

serve the right to do what is necessary to bring an end to that situation, and it doesn't mean that I advocate violence, but at the same time I am not against using violence in self-defense. I don't even call it violence when it's self-defense. I call it intelligence."

They seem to be saying very different things, but Lee follows those statements with the famous photo of the two standing together, shaking hands and smiling.

So is it possible to follow the philosophies of both? Or do the beliefs of King and Malcolm X run contrary to each other? And if so, are more members of the black community turning toward Malcolm X?

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Security increased after rape in dorm

Hamilton residents learn the realities of rape and the importance of safety

By Tammy Batey
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The Office of Public Safety and the Eugene police department have upped security patrols in residence hall basements and the area surrounding Hamilton Complex in response to the rape of a McClain resident early Saturday.

OPS and EPD will continue patrolling the area around Hamilton until the rape suspect is apprehended, according to information released by OPS. The rape occurred in the Hamilton basement's co-ed weight room.

"A lot of people have lost a lot of sleep in the last few days over this issue," said L.G. Blanchard of the University News Bureau. "There is a great deal of concern about this issue, and the concern is shared collectively across office jurisdictions."

University Housing changed the locks to McClain Hall Monday and will today change the locks to Tingle Hall, where the accused rapist lived, said Michael Eyster, director of the housing department.

"The locks have been changed," Eyster said, "but it may be unnecessary because the police have every reason to believe Ryan is nowhere near Eugene, Oregon. But if it will help people to sleep better —

just a little bit — then it's worth it," Eyster said.

McClain residents reacted with shock to the rape of the 18-year-old McClain resident. The man accused of committing the rape, 33-year-old freshman Michael Patrick Ryan, borrowed a friend's car and has not been seen since.

While the rape caused OPS and EPD to boost security patrols, it also educated Hamilton residents on the realities of rape and importance of safety.

"I always thought of rape attempts as walking outside and being pulled into a car," McClain resident Cherie Young said. "It's really a reality check."

McClain resident Denise Safford said she heard the woman who was raped screaming and crying in her room after the incident. She said the rape has educated McClain residents, but residents might not retain these lessons in safety.

"It's an eyeopener to all of us," Safford said, "but I know, probably in two weeks, we'll fall back into old patterns."

Cessa Heard-Johnson, Hamilton resident director, said she believes residents' concerns about safety will be permanent.

"Resident awareness is strong and won't just be the hype after the fact, 'Oh, a rape occurred, let's do something,'" she said.

The majority of dorms within Hamilton chose to be on 24-hour lock-up before the rape occurred, Heard-Johnson said.

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Chemical explosion injures teacher

Toxic fireball causes minor damage, slight burns during cleaning procedure in Klamath Hall

By Lisa Millegan
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A University chemistry professor was treated for minor facial burns and a physics graduate student was examined for traces of a dangerous chemical at Sacred Heart General Hospital Tuesday afternoon after a container exploded in Klamath Hall.

Professor Bruce Hudson, 46, Jae-Seok Ryu, 32, and three other students had been marking chemical containers for disposal in Room 189 as part of a routine cleaning procedure just before the small explosion occurred.

The problem started shortly after 3 p.m., when

The container exploded just after water touched it, creating a brief fireball that scorched the ceiling, caused some damage to the sink and set off the room's smoke detectors.

Hudson and Ryu tried to clean a container that sodium/xylene had been mixed in. Undetected residue of sodium in the container had changed into the volatile chemical sodium hydroxide.

Eugene police officials at the scene classified damage to the room as minor.

Six fire trucks responded to the incident and the fire was under control by 3:15.

EPD Capt. Tim Burr said Hudson told him he'd had worse sunburns than the injuries he received from the explosion.

Both Ryu and Hudson were wearing goggles at the time of the accident. They were treated in the emergency room and released.



Photo by Michael Stundler

Firefighters get a chemical fire in Klamath Hall under control Tuesday. The fire started when cleaning combined during cleaning and exploded, slightly injuring a professor.

TO JANE, WITH LOVE

An art exhibit celebrating the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. is on display in the EMU Art Gallery, second floor, and will continue through Jan. 24.

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DRAMA

To Eat the Last Messiah opens Friday in the Robinson Theatre.

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LAYER, NEVER BULK

Overnight winter pursuits deep into the wilderness can't be matched by any summertime excursion. Surprisingly, camping in the snow isn't limited to experts only.

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