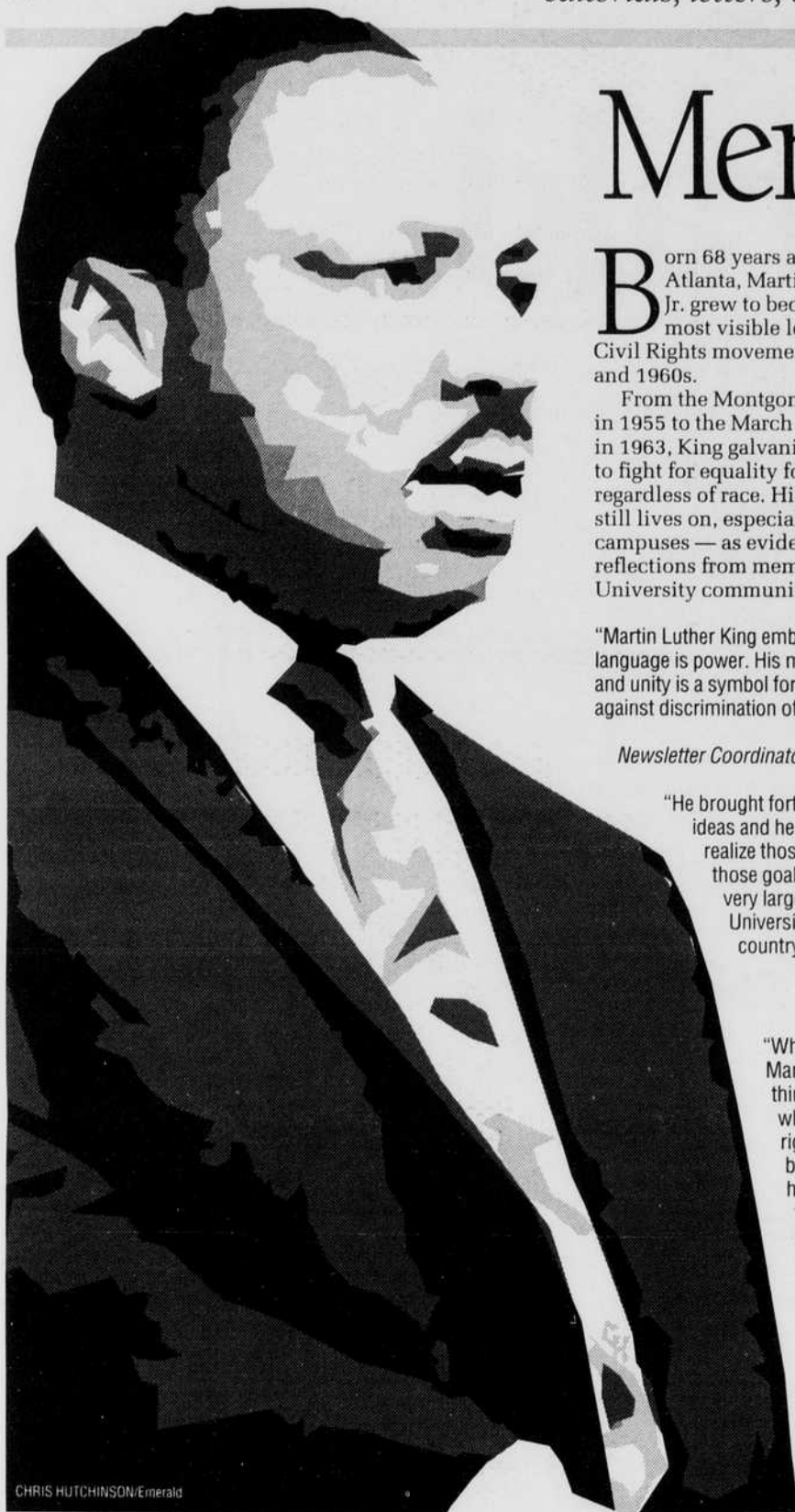


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Memories of a legacy

Born 68 years ago today in Atlanta, Martin Luther King Jr. grew to become one of the most visible leaders of the Civil Rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s.

From the Montgomery bus boycott in 1955 to the March on Washington in 1963, King galvanized the masses to fight for equality for all people, regardless of race. His rich legacy still lives on, especially on college campuses — as evidenced by these reflections from members of the University community.

"Martin Luther King embodies the idea that language is power. His message of peace and unity is a symbol for all who speak out against discrimination of any kind."

Emily Gibson
 Newsletter Coordinator, Women's Center

"He brought forth a lot of great ideas and helped a lot of people realize those dreams and those goals. His ideas are a very large part of this University and this country."

Bill Miner
 Student Senator

"When I think of Martin Luther King, I think of a black man who stood up for the rights of not just black men, but all humanity. He stood for equality for all people."

LaKeysha Washington
 Director, Black Student Union

"Martin Luther King stood for the integration of all different types of

IN HIS OWN WORDS



Excerpts from Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 28, 1963:

"The whirlwinds of revolt will continue to shake the foundations of our nation until the bright day of justice emerges."

"Now is the time to rise from the dark and desolate valley of segregation to the sunlit path of racial justice. Now is the time to open the doors of opportunity to all of God's children."

"I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

communities and living in a dream-like type of world. Living [at the University], we have all different types of student groups working for that same type of community."

Cindy Ryan
 Intern, Greek Life

"He showed his dream for white children as well as his children — that they could sit at the same table together. We've made some profound changes toward realizing that dream, but we're not done yet."

Dennis Reynolds
 Coordinator, EMU Child Care

"To me, Martin Luther King symbolizes a sense of pride, strength, hope and courage. He does this by reminding me that my 'dreams' are never too far to reach."

Lynn Sato
 Office Assistant,
 ASUO Women's Center

"I continue to be awed by the legacy of a leader who, by the power of his thoughts and words, changed the way we in this nation look at others and ourselves."

Dave Frohnmayer
 University President

"He is an icon for me of one who carried on when faced with adversity, spoke truth to power, who remained open to new ideas/interpretations, endeavored to see the person underneath the labels and lived and preached forgiveness and reconciliation."

Robin Paynter
 Reference Librarian, Knight Library

"He was a man who stood by what he believed, and he believed in freedom. I'm glad he lived."

Matthew O'Brien
 Coordinator, Club Sports Lacrosse

"[Martin Luther King Day] is a great way for people to learn about and become aware of issues involving Martin Luther King. We want a lot of people involved in the University, and this is a great opportunity."

Sadie Rogers
 Chapter Chair, OSPIRG

"I admire Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as both a great leader and a profound and enlightened visionary. He did not simply lead African-American people to a higher ground as a group; he empowered African-American individuals to make change in their own lives, to envision a better future for themselves and their families and most importantly, to implement the changes necessary to transform their visions and dreams into daily realities."

Ajuan Maria Mance
 Assistant Professor, English

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