

The famous Martin Luther King Jr. "I have a dream" quotation has been up in the EMU since August 1986.

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MLK's 'dream' awoke after sexism controversy

King's "I have a dream" quote replaced debatable University statement of purpose

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Students rush past them every day, some oblivious to their presence, others casting a quick glance before they move on with their day. Yet, if one takes a minute to reflect on them, their power is undeniable. They are the words of a national hero — the hopes of a man who dared to dream and had the courage to fight for his vision.

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

Martin Luther King Jr. uttered these words Aug. 28, 1963, at the civil rights March on Washington. They have been repeated many times, and they now grace the EMU's main lobby as a constant reminder of King's legacy.

The quotation became a part of the EMU in August 1986, after a long, controversial process. The original University statement of purpose, written in 1951 by Dean William C. Jones, embellished the lobby. Selected parts of the statement, such as "The University of Oregon ... guardian of the noble in man's aspiration ... leader in the quest of the good life for all men," irritated university alumnus Mary Hotchkiss, who challenged the administration to get rid of it.

Hotchkiss, who was student body president in 1984, said she was disturbed by the quotation's sexist connotations, with its use of the words "man" and "men" to represent all campus members. Many women felt disenfranchised each time they saw the sign, she said.

"What sense does it make to have a purpose of the University that doesn't have everybody in it?" she said.

Hotchkiss asked former University President Paul Olum to support her petition to the EMU Board to get the quote painted out. Hotchkiss said the petition sparked unprecedented controversy. While some people supported the quotation's elimination, others argued it was a historical document that should be preserved. But Hotchkiss did not want to give up.

"I said, 'If that was a racist quote, would you leave that?' Of course not," she said.

According to the EMU's Director Emeritus Adell McMillan, the controversy simmered until November 1984 when the EMU board agreed to remove the quote.

McMillan, who was EMU director until 1991, said the spot remained empty for a long time as the EMU Board and student government solicited views from the campus for a new quote. She said Olum suggested a quote by Thomas Jefferson, but the board decided it was more appropriate in another area of the EMU.

Hotchkiss said the ASUO also suggested other quotes, including King's and one by Susan B. Anthony.

On June 5, 1986, the EMU Board decided King would have a commemorative space at the University.

Hotchkiss said she was delighted. "Each time I walk in the EMU, I think of how many people feel included because of that quote," she said. "Martin Luther King's greatness in my eyes was his inclusiveness. He wanted everyone at the same table. ... When people walk through (the EMU), they know they're part of that table."

McMillan said the quote was chosen when King was becoming more of a national hero, and it was an appropriate honor to his memory. The first time that Martin Luther King Day was celebrated as a national holiday was 1986.

"Historically, that quote is one of the most quoted of any national figure, and it certainly spoke to the University's concern for diversity," McMillan said.

For Black Student Union member and senior Dominique Beaumonte, the quote reminds him of the struggles activists like King went through that enabled his generation to attend institutions like the University.

"It should be a reminder to students that we are responsible to bring (King's) dream to fruition," Beaumonte said.

EMU Director Dusty Miller agreed. "It signifies the commitment to the spirit to Dr. King," Miller said. "I think his vision is something to aspire to."

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scale, four pipes, a bong, a gas mask, gas filters and several small plastic condiment cups. A box of sandwich bags was also taken despite Brooker's insistence that the bags were for food purposes. Brooker spent the night in a Lane County Jail cell and was released at 12:45 p.m. Sunday.

At the beginning of the week, Brooker received an informational letter from his complex director. Brooker said Associate Director of Residence Life Sheri Donahue told him that in all likelihood, he would be instructed to move out within a day's time.

"They recommended that I pack my things," he said.

On Wednesday, Brooker received a summary eviction that clarified it did "not serve as a formal conduct hearing or sanction for the alleged violations" and the decision was made "based on safety for the residence hall community."

Schoonover said any suspicious items confiscated with controlled substances — whether by EPD or DPS — affects how seriously the University takes the incident.

Any time the Office of Housing issues a summary eviction, Schoonover said the Office of Stu-

dent Judicial Affairs has the ability to overturn the decision based on updated court convictions or additional information. Such action is rare, however, she added.

"We do not wait for what happens off campus," Schoonover said.

When asked about a hypothetical situation similar to Brooker's, Assistant Director of the Office of Student Advocacy Anne Davies said the University should take convictions — as opposed to charges — into consideration when the student poses no immediate danger to the community.

"(University officials) should assess whether they should be acting so quickly," Davies said. "They shouldn't be abusing their discretion."

Brooker said he is awaiting the opportunity to set a trial and plead his case with the expulsion board. While trying to remain optimistic about where he will sleep tonight, he also is trying not to think about the \$9-per-day charge that will ensue if he is evicted.

"I just can't believe I'm losing my home and getting charged for it," he said.

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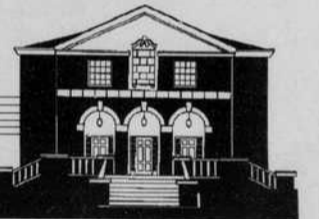
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Eviction

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anonymous information that Brooker was dealing controlled substances. At 8:30 p.m. Saturday, the EPD officers arrived on the scene, assisted by officer McGuire, three residence hall assistants and two complex directors.

Brooker's roommate said he let the group into the room, and officers were in the process of issuing him a minor in possession of alcohol citation when Brooker came home. At that point, officers stopped issuing the citation and the roommate wasn't cited.

Brooker said after the EPD and DPS officers asked everyone else to leave, they searched his room, found and seized several pieces of paraphernalia — among other items — and spoke with him for more than an hour. The officers allowed University officials back in the room before issuing Brooker a citation for manufacturing and unlawful delivery of controlled substances, based on the evidence gathered.

Before he was arrested, Brooker said officers confiscated an eighth of an ounce of marijuana, a broken