

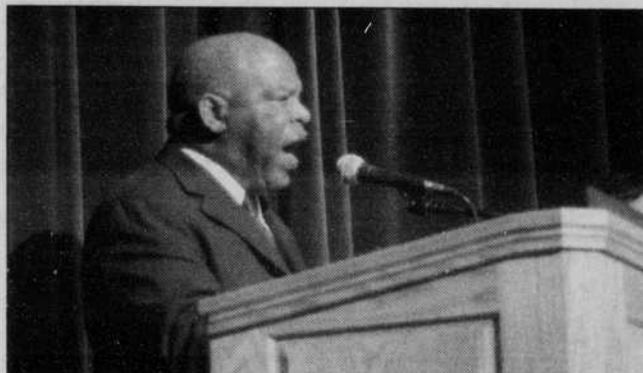
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Congressman John Lewis, D-Ga., gives a speech to a full EMU Ballroom Monday evening. He talked about his role in the civil rights movement.

'Great' activist visits University

U.S. Representative John Lewis visited the University Monday to discuss his involvement in the famous 1963 March On Washington

By Chuck Slothower
News Reporter

U.S. Congressman and prominent civil rights leader John Lewis wowed a packed EMU Ballroom on Monday night with first-hand tales of the struggle for civil rights.

Rep. Lewis, D-Ga., spoke at a Presidential Lecture to hundreds of University students, faculty, staff and community members.

Lewis, the youngest speaker at the famous 1963 March On Washington, drew praise for enduring police beatings and more than 40 arrests to play a significant role in the struggle for civil rights.

"He is truly one of the great, courageous American heroes," said School of Architecture and Allied Arts Dean Robert Melnick, who first saw Lewis speak at the March on Washington.

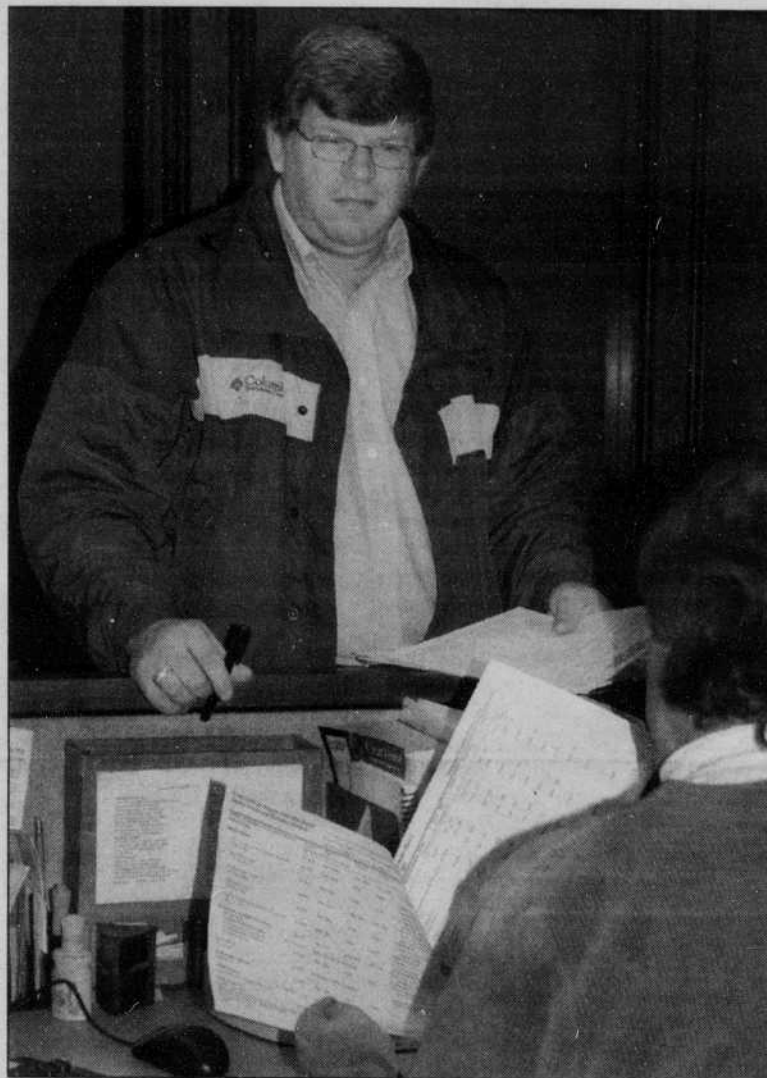
Besides his numerous arrests, Lewis endured being spat on at lunch counter sit-ins and beaten during the historic march from Selma, Ala., to Montgomery, Ala.

"I was hit in the head by a state trooper with a nightstick," Lewis said. "I thought I was going to die."

Now serving his ninth term in Congress, Lewis remains proud

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A life of service



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Student Dave Musgrove helps Knight Library employee Shiela Gray on Monday with the 2003 Charitable Fund Drive. Musgrove served in the U.S. Army for 20 years.

Dave Musgrove talks about his military service and the meaning of Veterans Day

By Jared Paben
News Reporter

For 44-year-old University student Dave Musgrove, Veterans Day is more than just a date on a calendar. For him, it's a day to take time and think about veterans — people who have given their service, and sometimes their lives, to keep this country free.

Musgrove was in the U.S. Army for 20 years, but he didn't serve in Vietnam, Iraq or any other "shooting war," as he puts it. Instead, he served in West Germany during the Cold War, where he occasionally found himself exchanging gunfire with terrorists who were trying to blow up ammunition dumps, he recalls.

"I don't think I did a big thing," Musgrove says. "I was guarding (against) another 19-year-old Russian kid ... but, I think those people who came before us who made us a country — that kept us a country, and kept us from falling into having a different government every five months — they're the ones to thank because they do a lot of extraordinary things that ordinary people just don't do."

Today, Musgrove will help put together a small display case full of veteran memorabilia in front of the University's Business Affairs Office to celebrate Veterans Day. Employees will bring in belongings and

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Public positions increase visibility, affect private behavior

Campus leaders and athletes say that scrutiny increases when holding a public office

By Ayisha Yahya
News Editor

While there are normally clear distinctions between one's private and public life, for leaders the lines are often blurred. Everything they do — in and out of the office — can come under scrutiny. Leaders at all levels, from the nation's president to a club chairperson, find themselves in the spotlight.

Recent allegations of assault and criminal mischief against ASUO Vice President Eduardo Morales, and last year's case against former ASUO Vice President Ben Buzbee for furnishing alcohol to minors, show leaders at the

University level are no exception.

What expectations does the campus have of its student leaders? Do leaders' personal actions reflect on their official life? And is evaluating any of this even fair?

ASUO spokeswoman Taraneh Foster said this year's student government has outlined specific guidelines for its staff.

She said leaders' acts reflect on the organization no matter what the instance, and part of the responsibility of being elected is understanding that one's actions will be under more scrutiny.

"There's a stress that, although you're a student and you're apt to have a life, you are a representative of student government," Foster said.

Office of Student Affairs Director Anne Leavitt said all members of the University community are held up to

the same code of conduct. Student leaders do not have higher standards of conduct, but they are under higher public observation because of their positions. This is especially true of elected leaders, she said.

"The public will pay a lot more attention to their behavior," she said. "I don't think the standard for conduct is greater, it's the visibility."

Leavitt said according to the concept of "referent power," people believe they know public figures and have expectations of how they should behave.

"People ascribe to you and give you an elevated standing because you're a leader," she said, adding that leaders become exemplars. The leaders themselves may even feel the need to tailor their behavior in a certain way, she said.

"We place enormous value on our

student leaders because they represent what it's like to be a model citizen," she said.

ASUO Senate President Ben Strawn is one such leader who said he occasionally feels the pressures of his position, even in his personal life.

"I think when I'm in a capacity when people know what my job is, I try to watch my behavior and hold myself to higher standards," he said.

But the extra scrutiny on student leaders is not always fair, Strawn said.

"I think people should try and put themselves in your position more often," he said. "Certainly I think all students should be held to the same standards."

In fact, many students who may not even think of themselves as leaders sometimes are held to high bench-

marks. Non-elected leaders like resident hall assistants may find their actions up for analysis. As Director of Residence Life Sandy Schoonover said, RAs have to act as role models at all times.

"It's very difficult to say, I'm going to be an RA now, and I'm not going to be an RA later on," she said. For instance, she said even if RAs are older than 21, it still would be inappropriate for them to behave badly due to drunkenness, even in their personal time.

"If they don't do their jobs, it will be the residents who tell us, or if they've done something they shouldn't have done," she said. "Our residents do have high expectations of our RAs."

Other students in the limelight also have to conform to certain standards. Perhaps the largest, most visible

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