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## The Rest of the Story

Michael King was born in 1929 and remains to this day an interesting and often mysterious figure. He was the son of a preacher and grew up to work for reform along with the black rights movement. At an early age he was heavily influenced by Ghandi and decided to try and initiate change within the US in a



The Reverend Martin Luther King Sr. stands outside Ebenezer Baptist Church, where he was pastor for several decades, in 1981.

similarly non-violent manner. He accomplished much and is remembered fondly.

Michael was educated at Boston University where he received his PhD in theology. However, this was where some of his darker self began to be revealed. In recent years it was revealed by Boston University researchers that it is certain that Michael plagiarized his dissertation. Although they have not revoked his degree, many would consider his doctorate to be a sham. According to his best friend at the time, Michael's first public sermon in 1947 was also plagiarized. Even sympathetic scholars Keith D. Miller, Ira G. Zepp, Jr., and David J. Garrow have stated that Michael's first book *Stride Toward Freedom* was also plagiarized from many sources. However, it is not only plagiarism that speaks poorly of aspects of Michael's otherwise powerful and important life.

After his reputation began to grow, Michael attracted the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and his FBI records have been sealed by the courts until 2027. What do they hide? Michael, very involved in politics at this point began to associate with many known communists such as Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth and Bayard Rustin. In 1957, for example, Michael and Bayard co-founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Michael was also associated with many suspected com-

munist organizations and according to his biographer and sympathizer David J. Garrow, "[He] privately described himself as a Marxist." Now that the communist attachments had piqued the FBI's interest, they learned more about his personal habits.

According to FBI Assistant Director Sullivan, who had direct access to the surveillance files on Michael which are currently denied the American people, Michael had embezzled or misapplied substantial amounts of money contributed to the "civil rights" movement. He used SCLC funds to pay for alcohol, and numerous prostitutes who were brought to his hotel rooms, often two at a time, for drunken sex parties which sometimes lasted for several days. This was, of course, during his marriage.

In 1935, Michael's father decided to have his congregation, in honor of the great Protestant reformer, refer to him no longer as "Daddy King" but Martin Luther King. His son was henceforth to be referred to as Martin Luther King Jr., although the name was never legally changed in court.

And now you know...the rest of the story.

-Rick Bis

## ONGOING EVENTS

- As part of MLK Week Celebrations, from Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday January 20<sup>th</sup>, service activities will be conducted in Squires Student Center from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition, a series of brown bag lunches and teach-ins held from noon to 1 p.m. will be held through the week beginning on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday's will be held on the Henderson Lawn; Wednesday will be at Squires Student Center; Thursday will be at Torgersen Museum; and Friday at Squires Student Center.
- Every Tuesday and Friday, weekly swing dance at the Upstairs Ballroom at Squared Away Storage on North Main Street. Lesson at 7:30 p.m., dance at 8:30. The dance will last until you get tired! \$2 to get in.
- Every Tuesday, Gillie's Restaurant has an Old Time Jam Session at 8pm.
- The Lyric Theater brings *Syriana* (Jan 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>) and *The Squid and the Whale* (Jan 27<sup>th</sup>-Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>). Free popcorn on Mondays!

# Brad Shapiro on Brad Shapiro

Welcome back Hillcrustaceans! I know you were all gravely disappointed not to have a Hillpress Newsletter for the last month or so, so this one will be extra special. The first order of business in the extra specialness is this months SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH. It is none other than yours truly, Brad Shapiro.

Brad was born in September of 1985 in Fort Worth, Texas. After one look at his face, his parents screamed in horror, and had him shipped off to

Arizona to be raised by coyotes. During his upbringing, Brad learned several things from the beasts, like howling, looking sketchy and ripping things to shreds, all of which have proven useful later in his life. When Brad turned thirteen, the coyotes got tired of him, and shipped him back to his biological parents, Jeffrey and Mary Shapiro.

Jeffrey is a messianic Jew originally from upstate New York, with his ancestors coming from

Lithuania. Mary is a Polish Roman Catholic from Buffalo, New York. Yeah, that's one reason why Brad is so messed up. He remained in Texas with his parents until June of 2000, when they moved to the booming metropolis of Johnson City, Tennessee.

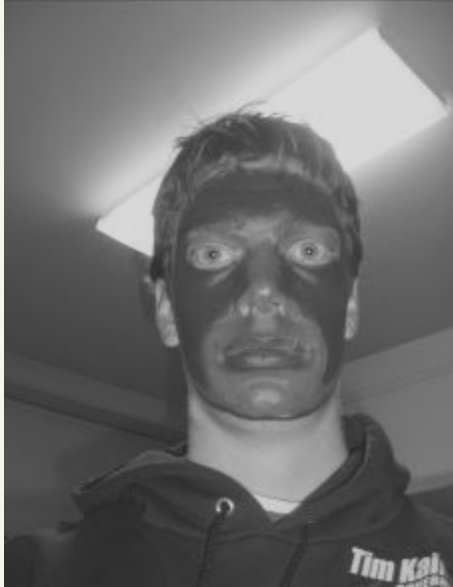
Now at Virginia Tech, Brad has clear direction in his life. He

history as the greatest RA ever to walk the halls of the dorms... uh... residence halls of America. Brad's plans after graduation are a mystery to most, but some speculate that they include an invasion of the Arabian Peninsula, a confrontation with the Carthaginians, or world domination. He aspires one day to be dictator of the world, thereby making it peaceful... to those who don't cross him.

Brad's hobbies include making mom jokes, playing the Seafarers of Catan, saving women in distress, and commanding the Macedonian phalanx. He also enjoys drinking apple juice from a sippy cup while

watching MacGyver or Star Trek. Not everyone can quite be like Brad, but I suppose that is alright. Come by and see him any time in room 243, and he will be happy to help you with anything you need or just chat with you.

-Brad Shapiro



is a sophomore in Mechanical Engineering... no wait... Aerospace Engineering... actually I think it is Economics and ESM this week... anyway... he is a straight shooter with upper management written all over him. Brad became an RA in 2005, and since has gone down in

Disclaimer: 99% of the preceding article is hogwash.

## JANUARY'S LINE-UP

- Wednesday, January 18 from 9:00-11:30 p.m. Open dance floor at Burruss Square Tavern sponsored by Salsatech. Come dance to a mix of the illest salsa and merengue! Free to get in.
- Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 7:00 p.m. MLK Celebration Cultural Show: A variety of music, dance & other cultural artists will perform at Burruss.
- Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. A documentary film on the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be shown at the Lyric Theatre.
- Friday, January 20 from 2:00-5 p.m. The Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity (CEOD) will be coordinating the 9th annual Diversity Summit in Owens Banquet Room, which provides the Virginia Tech Community a unique opportunity to engage and interact with each other on the issue of diversity. The planning committee has developed a range of activities that will be highly interactive & informative.
- Friday, January 20 at 7:30 p.m. Concert for Honor Band musicians: The University Symphonic Wind Ensemble and University Chamber Singers will welcome over 500 middle school & high school Honor Band musicians to Burruss Auditorium. The performance will include encore presentations of works performed by each group at the 2005 Virginia Music Educators Association Conference. The University Horn Choir and a student saxophone quartet will provide pre-concert entertainment in the Burruss lobby. Tickets are available at the door only & are \$5 for the general public & \$3 for students & seniors. Profits donated to the Hokies United Hurricane relief effort.
- Saturday, January 21 at 10:00 a.m. Polar Bear Plunge: See if you dare to jump in the extra COLD McComas Hall pool to benefit the American Red Cross. Registration includes all these activities: TCBY Brain Freeze Ice Cream Eating Contest, the Frozen Ducky Race, the Eleven West Frozen T-Shirt Contest & the Polar Bear Plunge. Pre-Registration \$10 per person; day of event \$15 per person.
- Wednesday, January 25 at 9:00-11:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Salsa Massive: Open dance floor at Burruss Square Tavern sponsored by Salsatech. Come dance to a mix of the illest salsa and merengue... Don't miss it, for many a legend was born on Wednesday nights here... Free to get in.
- Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. Step Afrika: Celebrates stepping, an art form at African American fraternities and based in African traditions. As the first professional company dedicated to stepping, Step Afrika's intricate kicks, stomps, and rhythms mixed with spoken word pound the floor and fill the air. This program will step to entertain but also to raise awareness for the culture that created stepping. At Burruss Auditorium, free to get in.
- Saturday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. Free Winter Swing Dance: Come learn to swing dance with Solely Swing! The lesson starts at 7 and the dance is at 8. At Squires Commonwealth, free to get in.