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Delivered on the steps at the ncoln Memorial in Washington,

stand signed the Emancipan Proclamation. This momens decree came as a great beaon light of hope to millions of gro slaves who had been seared o end the long night of captivity. ust face the tragic fact that the Nero is still not free. One hundred irs later, the life of the Negro is ll sadly crippled by the manacles egregation and the chains of disnination. One hundred years er, the Negro lives on a lonely isd of poverty in the midst of a vast ean of material prosperity. One indred years later, the Negro is ll languishing in the corners of merican society and finds himself n exile in his own land. So we have ome here today to dramatize an palling condition.

hen the architects of our repubwrote the magnificent words of e Constitution and the Declaragning a promissory note to which

would be guaranteed the inalien-

lieve that the bank of justice is banksecurity of justice. We have also come to this hallowed spot to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the 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. Now is the time to lift our nation tice to the solid rock of brotherhood.

and to underestimate the determination of the Negro. This sweltering summer of the Negro's legitimate business as usual. There will be nei-

must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads

as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging

cution and staggered by the winds of police brutality. You have been the

earned suffering is redemptive. Go back to Mississippi, go back

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## What His Words Mean Today.

By Chris Martin Marium Mohiuddin

nequality, disharmony, ignorance and fear. In 1963, these diseases festered deep in the wounds of a na-Lion weary from the struggle for racial equality and civil rights. Fortunately, there was a doctor in the crowd, and from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. prescribed a cure.

#### STUDENT SENATOR PERSPECTIVE

Abby Mudroch, a senior history major and an offcampus senator, said she wishes King's speech would have a bigger effect upon today's society.

The word of mouth for this school is bad, especially with minorities coming to A&M," Mudroch said. "With Hopwood we lost scholarships for minorities, which was our major recruiting tool. Minorities do not want to come here. I remember talking to some friends, and they would be upset that they were here, and the only reason they came was because of a scholarship."

Mudroch said having a university more culturally diverse would add to the understanding of the students.

"There are not many minorities in my classes and there are not many minorities at A&M," she said. 'I have been to an all-white high school and to a 50/50 integrated high school. I noticed the school that is more integrated was much more open-minded and you can learn so much from others. I have seen the difference and it makes a big impact. We are losing out.

tried to get across is being lost to some people as generations pass.

ously, but others consider it to be just another holiday," Mudroch said. "It is important that we keep the memory alive. The speech has had a supreme effect upon my life, especially the part where he talks about the little kids holding hands. Little kids playing on a playground do not differentiate between color. I wish people were more open-minded, and I wish they would get rid of the color barriers."

**RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVE** 

Umima Baig, a post-bacheloreate in education, said King's speech has had a dramatic effect upon

"There have been many changes from that speech," Baig said. "It has been an eye opener for everyone, especially minorities. It was something they felt all their lives but [were] not able to articulate well. I believe it opened the eyes of Caucasians, and I believe everyone is still moved and gets choked up from it.

Baig said the speech has opened the door for

"You are not going to see it radically change the world," Baig said, "but now A&M has finally changed and accepted it as a holiday, so the speech is still af-

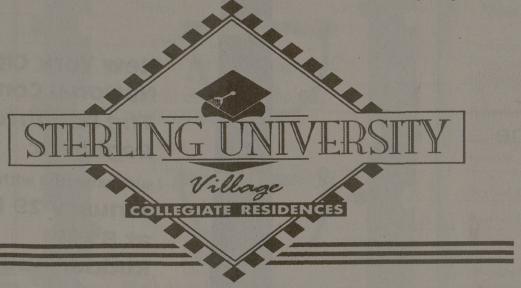
Baig said King initiated the laws which have brought

"It speaks on behalf of religious minorities as well," she said. "What he said is similar to the teachings of Islam: There should be equality and there is no difference

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