

Gingrich dissertation disputed

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An educational consultant in Louisville, Kentucky claims that the doctoral dissertation of Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) which was completed at Tulane, contains an inaccurate statement, but university officials said they stand by the work.

Gingrich wrote his dissertation, entitled, "Belgian Education Policy in the Congo, 1945-1960," in 1973 as part of his work towards a doctorate in history from Tulane.

"My complaint is based on a misstatement contained in Gingrich's dissertation," said Dr. Malvin E. Moore.

He states that on page 280 of the work, "this dissertation is the first scholarly effort to examine every major aspect of Belgian education policy in the Congo after World War II."

"I am contesting that statement," Moore said.

Moore wrote his doctoral dissertation, entitled "A Survey of Education in the Belgian Congo," for George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee in 1959. He was the first African-American to earn a doctorate from George Peabody.

"My dissertation was perhaps the first definitive study made in the Congo. That is sufficient

grounds for me to make complaint for future researchers who will also be doing further studies," Moore said.

However, Robert Robins, Tulane deputy provost and professor of political science, said there is no conflict and Gingrich's statement is valid.

"We don't see a problem. His [Moore's dissertation] could not have included the important period which was just before independence. Dr. Gingrich's dissertation took up the post-World War II period, from 1945 to 1960. Dr. Moore's dissertation does not cover the same period. It could not cover the same period," Robins said.

Robins said Gingrich's dissertation is the most popular one ordered from the University of Michigan microfilm, where all dissertations are kept.

"As far as I can tell, the statement is accurate. We are quite satisfied with the dissertation and [with] the supervision of the dissertation and there's nothing in Dr. Moore's statement that would make us change our minds about it," he said.

Gingrich became Speaker in 1995 following the Republican takeover of the House in the 1994 congressional elections. He has come under investigation recently by the House Ethics Committee for charges related to his teaching of a college course called

"Renewing American Civilization" and his work with a group called the Progress and Freedom Foundation.

Moore has contacted both Tulane President Eamon Kelly and Gingrich, but has received no response from either.

"I have had no communication from either directly," Moore said. "I received a call from Dr. Kelly's office stating that he was out of town and would call me back. He has not done so."

What was particularly astonishing to Moore was the lack of response he had received from Gingrich.

"I'm surprised at the Speaker. All he has to do is say 'In my research, I overlooked a work by Malvin E. Moore, Jr., and I wish to have that included in my rewrite of the bibliography,'" Moore said.

This paper was also unable to contact Gingrich.

Moore is a retired university professor and now works as an educational consultant in Louisville, where he assists college presidents in finding staff replacements and in organizing and defining programs.

"I'm not interested in starting anything sensational," Moore said. "I am only asking for him [Gingrich] to grant me an apology. I am particularly interested in the truth. That is what I was taught and that is what I demand."

CRIME

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browsing through the stacks.

Dupaquier's advice for students is to be conscious of their surroundings and aware of potentially risky areas. This knowledge will decrease the students' chances of becoming victims.

A new uptown crime watch (<http://www.tulane.edu/~ucrr/>) will be added to Tulane's home page to allow students to be more aware of crimes committed on and off campus.

A map of the Second District will also soon be added to Tulane's home page to give a precise

location of these crimes (<http://www.tulane.edu/~dps/>).

The Tulane University Public Safety records, from Aug. 24 through Sept. 15, 1996, give the following on-campus crime statistics: five reported bike thefts, three reported burglaries, three reported thefts, one drug violation and one count of trespassing. There have been five miscellaneous off-campus incidents reported. This does not include the number of off-campus incidents handled by the New Orleans Police Department or the Loyola Department of Public Safety.

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