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MEMBERS OF NCWC COMMUNITY MARCH TO HONOR KING'S BIRTHDAY (Photo by K.A.S.)

Standing room only crowd attends ceremony on King

By DELL LEWIS

There was standing room only in the Leon Russell Chapel Monday as the Wesleyan community celebrated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dr. Charles T. Bullock, Senior Minister of the St. James Baptist Church, was the guest speaker. Dr. Bullock compared Dr. King's life with that of Joseph in the Old Testament, referring to both of them as "dreamers." "In the face of adversity

he expressed his Christian love," he said. "It was through his faith and courage that he received his power."

Bullock mentioned Dr. King's many contributions not only to the black community but also to society as a whole. "He suffered not only for blacks, but for all America," he said.

Dr. Bullock concluded his message by stating, "Dr. King's purpose did not end in the Birmingham jail, or in his many marches, or even in his death. It is up to us to keep the dream alive, not by talking about it or

thinking about it, but through action we can make a difference."

The congregation had the pleasure of hearing two very inspiring songs performed by the Wesleyan gospel choir. Following the choir's final song, Dr. David Jones read an excerpt from *Letter from a Birmingham Jail* prior to the singing of "Lift Every Voice and Sing" led by Dr. Debra Boyd-Buggs. Dr. Boyd-Buggs left the audience with the comment, "Why does a caged bird sing? Because it is in his nature."

Celebration remembers life of King

By GREG STREHMEL

President Dr. Leslie H. Garner, some students, and professors assembled in the cafeteria on Jan. 16 at 7 a.m. to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

The breakfast celebration was one of the highlights of the day, even though it was poorly attended. Other activities during the day included a service in Russell Chapel and a film presentation and panel discussion later in the afternoon (*see related stories*).

The song "Happy Birthday" from Stevie Wonder came from a Sony tape recorder before the lively speeches began. After two other songs, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech was played. This speech broke the quiet talk of the guests.

After the speech, Shirley Smith, Student Government Association Senator, welcomed the guests and introduced Campus Minister Dr. Carleton McKita for the prayer.

After the prayer, breakfast was served. Following this were opening remarks by President Garner.

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ner spoke. Dr. Garner mentioned four reasons we should honor King. One of his reasons is that we hold equality and individual rights dear. Another important reason he mentioned is that we honor an essential relationship to humanity.

Bobbie D. Jones, President of Student Government Association, and SGA Senator Amy Seate then gave reasons why colored people and white people can unite again.

"We are sitting here and eating together," Jones said. "I was judged by the content of my character and not the color of my skin by my fellow classmates when they elected me. Today, I can hug Amy Seate without fear," he added.

During the next speeches, disrespectful students started wandering into the cafeteria to eat breakfast. Laughter and loud talk disrupted the event.

The event, however, continued with Professor of Theater Vaughn Schutz reading a letter written by Martin Luther King Jr., when he was inside a Birmingham jail. After his speech, Shirley Smith read the schedule of events for the day and the benediction was said by Dr. McKita.

Ferrell resigns as NCWC soccer coach

Tony Ferrell, North Carolina Wesleyan College's soccer coach for the past nine years, announced that he is resigning to pursue other interests.

"To tell you the truth, I'm going to miss coaching this team," Ferrell said. "I've had nine good years at Wesleyan College, but now it's time to move on."

Ferrell has accepted a sales representative position with Beecham Pharmaceuticals, based in Bristol, Tenn. He begins his new position Jan. 27.

"We really appreciate what Tony

has done for the College," Wesleyan President Leslie H. Garner, Jr., said. "He's meant a great deal to us and his players. We'll miss him but we wish him luck in his new career."

Ferrell began coaching at Wesleyan in 1980. In four years he transformed the Bishops into a winning program, capturing two DIAC Championships and earning bids to three NCAA Division III Tournaments. Ferrell's nine year record stands at 100-62-13 (.608).

The 33-year old Buies Creek, N.C. native claims there are a number

of accomplishments at Wesleyan, but the one that stands foremost in his mind is the win over UNC-Greensboro to clinch his first DIAC Championship in 1987.

"Our win over UNC-G was symbolic in that it proved to everyone that Wesleyan had climbed to the top of the Dixie Conference," Ferrell added. "After years of hard work and dedication, we were the champs. Those are the wins that make the long practices pay off."

During his tenure as head coach, Ferrell has produced five All-Amer-

ica players, has himself earned South Region Coach of the Year honors (1986,87) and was named Dixie Conference Coach of the Year three times. He is responsible for building up Wesleyan's soccer field to one of the finest playing facilities in the nation. In addition to coaching, Ferrell staged a summer soccer camp at the College for seven years.

"The most difficult part of leaving this position was telling the players," Ferrell said. "The kids here made a commitment to attend Wesleyan and play soccer under my

direction. In a way I feel I'm letting them down. But the world will move ahead and I'm sure they'll be fine without me."

Even though he is stepping down as coach, Ferrell does plan to stay involved with soccer. "I'd like to get involved on the youth level," Ferrell concluded. "There seems to be a tremendous need for good people on the youth level and in officiating. It would be fun to get more entrenched in these two areas and be contributing to the development of the sport in a different way." (Courtesy of NCWC)