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## Under the oaks

### Young: key to life is service

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Atlanta's Mayor Andrew Young was the keynote speaker for Elon's Fall Convocation. Young addressed a large gathering of Elon students, faculty, and community Tuesday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m.

"The utter importance in life is to serve and to help solve the problems of human kind," said Young.

Young's speech, "Education for Public Service," inspired the crowd to respond with a standing ovation.

Young said that colleges were formed as vehicles for service through education and that students have a sense of duty to fulfill these values.

Throughout Young's life, he has demonstrated numerous acts of service. In 1972, Young was elected as the first black Congressman from Georgia in more than 100 years. During the Carter administration, he served as Ambassador to the United Nations.

For the past seven years, Young has led Atlanta, the South's largest city, towards a tremendous economic growth. He still remains an active clergyman of the United Church of Christ.

Young said that there is nothing wrong with making money; however, he said that there is a sin to having your only objective to make money.

The Mayor said that students must understand who they are and their intended purposes in life. If they don't, it is very easy to be led astray.

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Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young speaks at Fall Convocation

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### Atlanta mayor realized call to help others early in life

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"The meaning of life is service . . . not what you can do for yourself, but what you can do for others," said Mayor Andrew Young.

He went on to say, "I first realized my call to service at Hartford Theological Seminary when I addressed the question of what God wanted me to do with the life that he has intrusted in me. The answer to this question along with the education I attained helped me realize where my future was."

The convocation was centered upon the importance of using an education to help others. Young said today's students must use their educational experiences to help themselves find where they can best contribute to society.

He used his own background to illustrate how he broke the family mold and entered religion instead of following his father's footsteps



President Young and S.G.A. President Ed Boswell listen to speech

into dentistry. He went on to say how his daughter left behind a comfortable lifestyle in the business world to work with Habitat for Humanity in Uganda.

Young summed up his feelings toward work by

commenting, "It is no sin to make a lot of money in the corporate world. It is a sin for someone to be in the business and have money as their objective."

The mayor stressed how  
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## Students march for coal miners

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Dr. Jim Pickens and three Elon students recently participated in a demonstration supporting striking coal miners in Abingdon, Virginia.

The Pittston Mine Company has cut substantial health benefits to retirees. In particular, coverage for black lung disease, a common ailment among coal miners, has been affected.

The campaign has been active for five months and remained nonviolent. It has been based upon confrontations between the camouflaged miners and state troopers, courthouse sit-ins by children, and road blocks by wives and mothers. Various religious groups have joined together to inspire the crowds, and the entire community is getting involved.

On Saturday, September 9, Pickens and the students participated in the strike, as did many Eastern airline workers and some auto workers from Michigan.

"You could feel the sense of community. The mountain people are proud of their heritage and support each other. I am only one person, but I'm glad I was able to show my support," said Jean Miller, one of the Elon participants.

Miller learned of the demonstration in Dr. Lyday-Lee's introduction to literature class that focuses on Appalachian culture. She was intrigued and researched the strike. Her desire to get involved led her to attend.

"I have an interest in unions and was impressed with how the strike is being handled," said Pickens, faculty adviser to Elon Students for Peace and Justice. This interest prompted the professor to attend, and he invited students to join him.

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