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## Speaker encourages students to keep the dream alive

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The Office of Minority Affairs sponsored a celebration in honor of the birth of Martin Luther King Jr on Jan. 10th. Sir Walter Mack, Jr., a 1989 Elon graduate and pastor of Union Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C., was the commemorative speaker for the event that took place at noon in Whitley Auditorium.

Included in the celebration were energetic musical selections sang by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Choir, a passionate speech about King's life and Mack's powerful ad-

dress on keeping the dream alive.

Mack touched a variety on issues throughout his speech and as an Elon graduate, Mack was able to relate them back to Elon. He charged students to nurture diversity and break racial barriers here on campus.

For him, education was the most important tool that can be used to gain racial and social equality. He said that in order for Elon students to truly get a liberal arts education they must learn from every race's history, not just their own.

Mack compared a college education to a caterpillar developing in a cocoon. And like King, all students can grow into a beau-

tiful butterfly given the time to develop. He challenged students to make the most of their college education and take an active role in learning.

"Just being here is not enough, you must attend class and do outside studies to continue your growth in the cocoon," Mack said.

Mack spoke of worldwide chaos in his address. He noted that King's dream has not been realized yet. "We live in a society where babies are having babies and our votes are not counted," Mack said. He urged the audience to move towards community and away from violence.

One of the highlights of Mack's speech was a rendition of I Can Fly by R. Kelly. He inspired the audience to follow in the steps of King by making their visions of an equal society become a reality. "We are the drum makers of peace," Mack commented.

Mack graduated from Duke University with a master of divinity degree and received a doctorate from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. WUNC-FM recognized Mack as one of the top 10 most effective preachers in the Research Triangle region of North Carolina in 1997.

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**Furman Moseley**  
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Furman Moseley came to Elon in '52 on a football scholarship. What he has created since that time is a legacy of consistent contribution and dedication to Elon. His donations have helped Elon in numerous ways, the most impressive being completion of the Moseley Student Center.

This Distinguished Alumnus of the Year 1981 was an active student at Elon, serving as SGA President, a member of Kappa Psi Nu, and a football player.

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