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## Dreams Live on in Vision for Peace

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Despite the chilly conditions in Dana Auditorium on Jan. 20, the group that gathered there to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. seemed filled with an inner heat.

The program, *A Vision for Peace: Dreams Never Die*, was sponsored by the African American Cultural Society and featured guest speaker Monica Walker.

Walker is on sabbatical from her position as the Executive Coordinator for the Commemoration of the Maafa. She travels nationwide speaking and leading workshops related to peace, jus-



**Vigil participants remember Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
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tice, and equity issues as well as seeking to undo racism.

Walker spoke about the famous dream of Dr. King and chal-

lenged the audience not only to remember it with admiration, but to dream new dreams that will keep the struggle for equality

alive.

"If the dream did not die with Martin Luther King, who's dreaming now?" Walker said. "How many of our dreams can challenge and prick the conscious of this nation? How are we supporting our dreams?"

Many audience members found Walker's call to action to be inspiring.

"The most important thing I took from what the speaker had to say was the call for people to take a stand and see who the dreamers among us are," said Guilford College gospel choir member Amalie Malochee.

This theme of continuing to dream is one that was echoed

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## 300 Quakers Consider Peace Testimony

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A panel of four soft-spoken, resolute women opened last weekend's Quaker peace conference in Dana Auditorium, outlining the reason for the assembly of 300 Quakers on campus:

To respond, as members of the Religious Society of Friends, to the growing likelihood of global war.

The conference, called nine months ago by the Section of the Americas Friends' World Committee for Consultation

(FWCC), is the fifth such convention in that organization's 66-year history.

"A lot of folk raised the issue of the war on terror at last year's annual FWCC meeting, and the question was how this umbrella group of different Quakers should facilitate consideration of Quaker peace testimony," said Max Carter, director of Friends Center and campus ministry coordinator.

The peace testimony is an integral part of all Quakerism, which spans from evangelical Friends, who mostly emphasize

the Bible and the state of the soul over pacifism, to Universalists, who often hold pacifism as a major aspect of their faith, and who don't necessarily identify as Christian.

"Differences were left aside, and nothing got in the way of the conference," Carter said. "The focus was the peace

testimony, not on the disparity between how one group regards gay and lesbian Friends, for example."

Carter mentioned the issue of gays and lesbians as one of the most contentious that the different Quaker traditions deal with today.

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