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FOR RELEASE:

MADISON, N. J. - Drew University will present Dr. Martin Luther King, jr., as guest speaker at the Convocation to be held Wednesday, February 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the Baldwin Gymnasium.

Dr. King's leadership in organizing peaceful demonstrations and preaching throughout the United States to further the cause of full citizenship rights and total integration for the Negro in America is founded in his own personal experiences in his early youth, and as a student at Morehouse College, which led him to enter Cozer Theological Seminary. There he was impressed with the philosophy of Hegel and Kant and formed his own philosophy and his "regulating Christian ideals" upon this foundation. From a lecture on Ghandi, and his further study of his books, he laid the foundations of his "operational techniques."

His dedication to the cause is such that when he was re-elected to the presidency of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference he rejected a salary for the sixth straight year, preferring to remain a \$1 a year man. He expresses his dedicated belief to be that ".....the struggle for freedom in which SCLC is engaged is not one to be rewarded with individual wealth and gain, but one which finds fulfillment in spiritual dedication and moral victories."

It would seem Dr. King believes many of today's problems to be climactic. In his speech following the Kennedy assassination he stated in part in regard to the tragedy and the times that: "It is a climate filled with heavy torrents of false accusation, jostling winds of hatred and raging storms of violence.

"It is a climate where men cannot disagree without being disagreeable, and where they express dissent through violence and murder."

Dr. King, with his great inner strength and selfless devotion, tenaciously rooted in Christian concepts, has made himself the unchallenged voice of the Negro people - and the disquieting conscience of the whites.

A question and answer period will follow the lecture.