

# Centennial Concert

Photo by Albert C.F. Woodley



ECSU's University Choir, lead by Billy Hines, performed at the Centennial Celebration held Dec. 13, 1991. The choir sang prior to the closing ceremony and burying of the time capsule at the M.D. Thorpe Administration Building. Other events included a US Coast Guard aircraft display, vendor exhibits, concerns and tours.

## Education is key to success convocation speaker says

By Lavenia Dameron

"The best way to achieve success and better jobs is to educate, educate, educate," declared Mrs. Ginger Sullivan when she spoke at the Spring Centennial Convocation Jan. 16, in Moore Hall. Sullivan spoke in the absence of the scheduled speaker, her husband, Dr. Louis Sullivan, Secretary of Health and Human Services, who cancelled his speech due to an emergency meeting in Washington.

"You are what you aspire to be," Sullivan continued. "You are what you do with your mind. You are what you do with your youth."

She urged students to take education seriously and to be responsible for their health care and actions, and added that "education is the key to an enlightened society."

Sullivan also stressed the importance of the awareness of severe problems facing society, including black-on black-crime, lung cancer, AIDS, teenage pregnancy, and broken and dysfunctional families. "A change must take place that Congress and the government can't regulate," Sullivan said. "There must be an approach to life. We must take personal responsibility for our lives and increase awareness and caring for those lives."

Sullivan also spoke out against ignorance, bigotry, and racism. Referring to the lynching of 11 Italian immigrants in New Orleans in 1891. She added: "Ignorance knows no color line."

In keeping with the mood of the occasion, Sullivan praised ECSU for its history.

"This school is like a monument to all

the students who were here first," she said.

Sullivan, a nationally known spokesperson for victims of breast cancer, has degrees in political science and law. She is the president of Sullivan Transitions in Georgia and she has a deep interest in promoting black art in culture.

Earlier in the program, former Elizabeth City Mayor Melvin Daniels provided a history of how Hugh Cale introduced House Bill 383 in the NC General Assembly. "Things do not happen by themselves," said Daniels. "There are moving forces behind events. Someone has to make things happen. We are here today because in 1891 a humble man was elected to the General Assembly. His name was Hugh Cale."

In early March, the General Assembly reenacted House Bill 383 according to Daniels. "As we conclude this year we are still dedicated to fulfilling the dream of Hugh Cale: to educate thousands of young people in Northeastern NC."

In commenting on Sullivan's visit to ECSU, Chancellor Jimmy Jenkins said: "This visit points out ECSU's involvement on a national scale. As we conclude the Centennial, celebrating 100 years of excellence, we are excited about the future of this University. As we look at statistics that relate to ECSU, we can say with pride that this University is the rising star in Northeastern NC."

James Harrington, Mayor of Elizabeth City, presented Sullivan with a key to the city. Chancellor Jenkins also presented Sullivan with a plaque for her husband from the University, and Joynita Robinson presented her with a T-shirt from the

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