

# Judge people by character, not color, Chancellor says in Founder's Day address

By Albert C. F. Woodley

"I agree with Martin Luther King, Jr.: 'Americans of all races should be judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character,'" said Dr. Jimmy Jenkins during the March 3 Founder's Day Ceremony in Moore Hall Auditorium.

Jenkins, keynote speaker for the event, said that America's ethnic and cultural diversity "places it in a unique position about what the quality of life can be like." The Chancellor added, however, that "the same ethnic and cultural diversity threatens the very survival of America."

Jenkins said the nation's continuing problems with "poverty, racism and violence" provide evidence that "America is reaching spiritual and moral death."

"The vast majority of people want to do the right thing," said Jenkins, "but they are bullied by a vocal minority. It is a cave man's mentality when we judge people by the color of their skin. It's a cave man mentality when we maintain a dual social system maintained by stereotypes that punish the poor for inadequate tests

designed for the rich."

Speaking on the topic of how ECSU fits in with the American agenda, the Chancellor said, "That has been eloquently documented in the Constitution. Justice, fairness and equality. The founding fathers understood this country is made up of people from elsewhere."

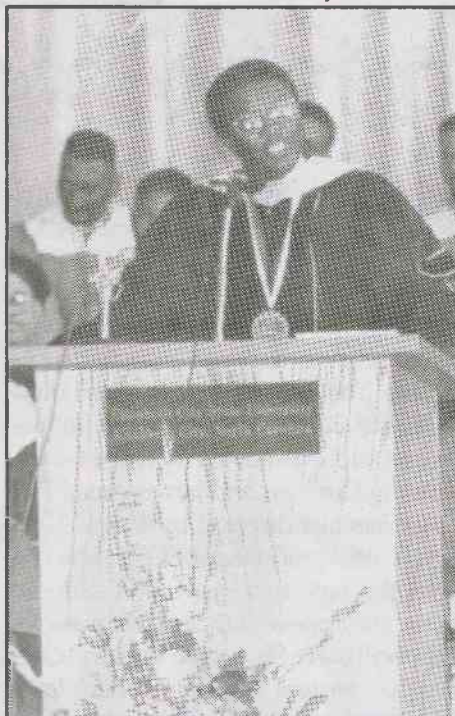
The Chancellor said the University's agenda "has been eloquently captured in the mission statement. It is punctuated by the motto, 'To Live Is To Learn.'"

"Our agenda is about opportunity, taking people from where they are to where they need to be."

The Chancellor praised the University as being "the most integrated school" in the UNC system, with the second highest graduation rate in the system.

"While we have reached the largest enrollment in history," said Jenkins, "we have remained small enough to be personable."

Jenkins also pointed out that C. D. Spangler, President of the UNC system, had recently praised ECSU for having the largest increase of SAT scores of any school in the state.



Chancellor Jimmy Jenkins delivers the keynote address on Founder's Day.

"ECSU's agenda is being implemented with excellence," said Jenkins, citing the recent reaccreditation of the school by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. "With a historic 'no follow up,'—the first in the school's history."

Jenkins said that the University "will thrive according to the extent that we are able to live together with an understanding and appreciation of our differences." And, later in his address, Jenkins said people must learn to "value the differences. We must be comfortable with the

# Thieves hit Lester Hall

By Evonne Martyn

Thieves broke into ECSU's Computer Lab on the night of April 6, stealing three Macintosh Classic II computers, according to George Mountain, Chief of Campus Security. The theft was discovered early Tuesday at 5:30 am by Capt. Sam Beamon when he found the broken window in room 115 of Lester Hall.

"There were dead bolts on the door, so the thieves entered and exited with the computers through the same window," said Dr. Linda Hayden, Head of the Lab.

The computers were valued at \$500 each said Hayden because "they were bought at a discount." The computers had a street value of \$1400 dollars each, she said.

"The computers have only been on campus for two weeks," said Hayden. "The students have come to depend on them."

Students come to the lab to finish various projects for their classes, according to Hayden.

"This could have a psychological effect on the students," she said. "They were very protective of the computers."

The computers were new to the campus and weren't covered under any specific insurance plans, Hayden said.

Mountain said he has no suspects in the case.

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