



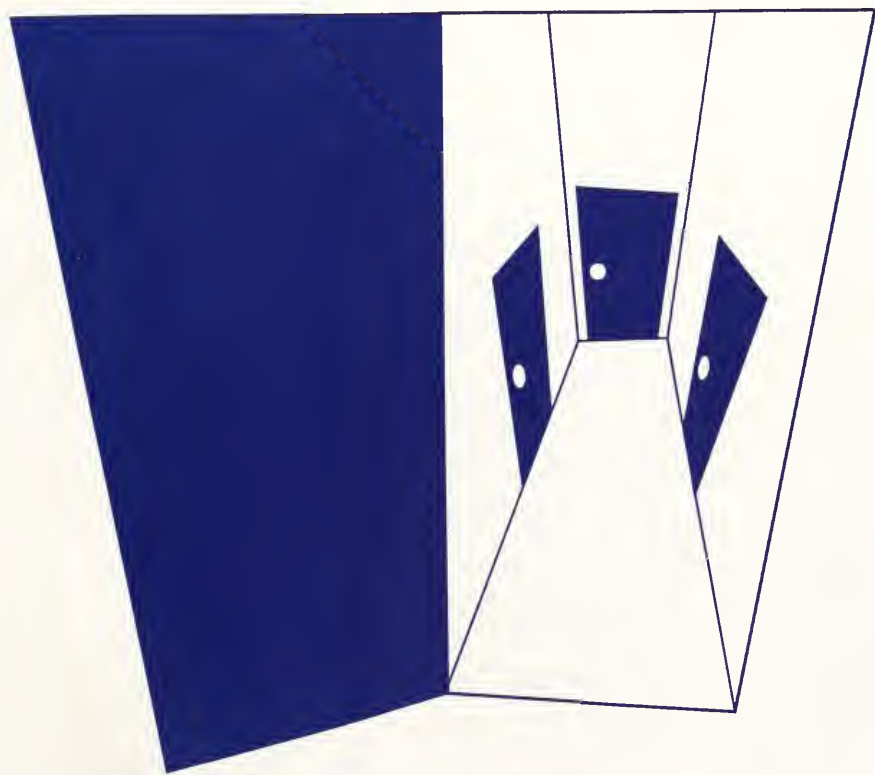
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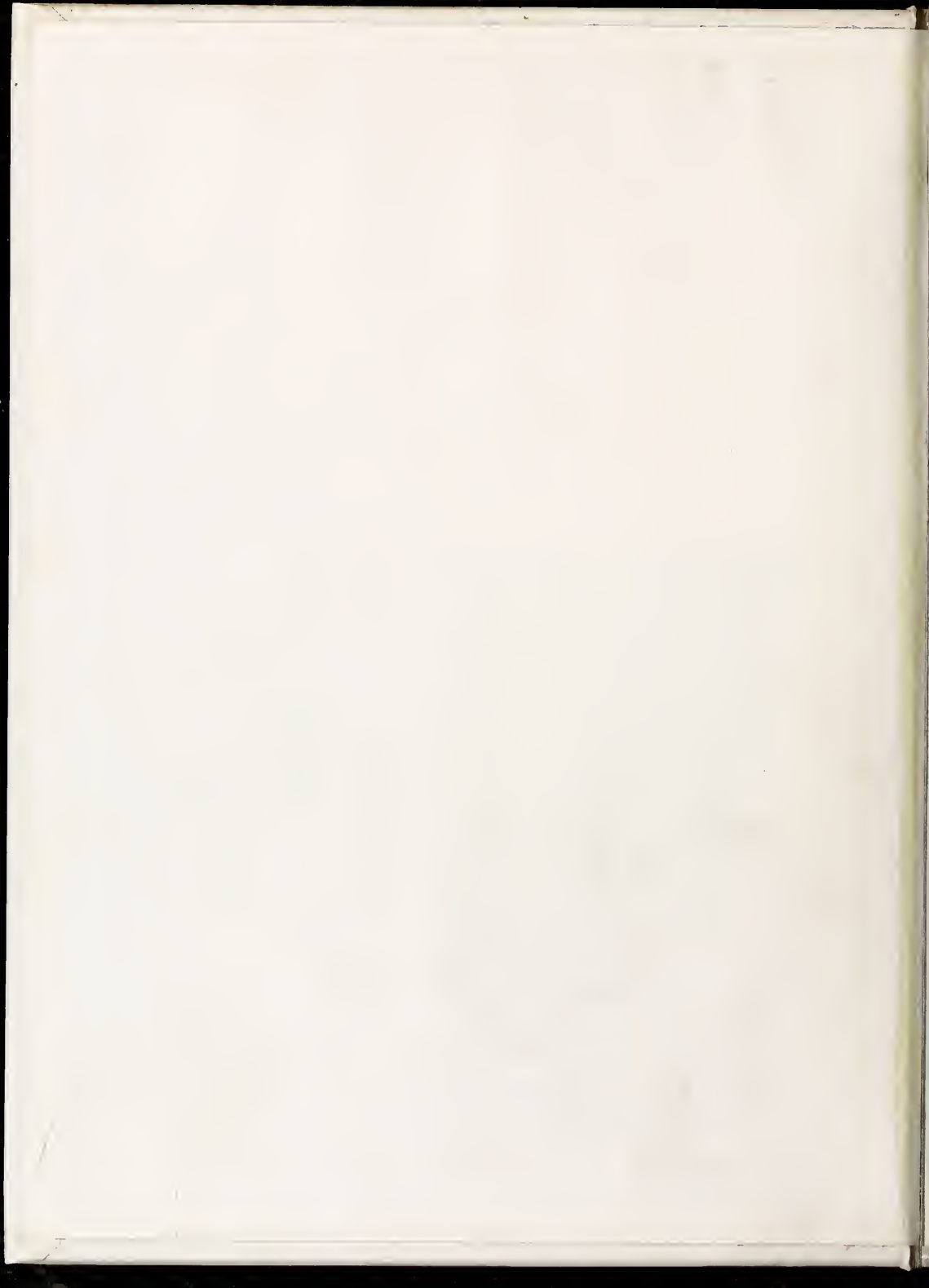


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Be King For A Day



January 17th marks the observance of the national holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

What better way to celebrate his birthday than by living his dream?

From sun up to sun down, let's all try to see each person as a brother or sister. Look for the ways in which we are similar, not different.

Learn something new about a different culture. Commit ourselves to a world of peace.

Let's be dedicated to bringing the world closer together. Love one another as we love ourselves.

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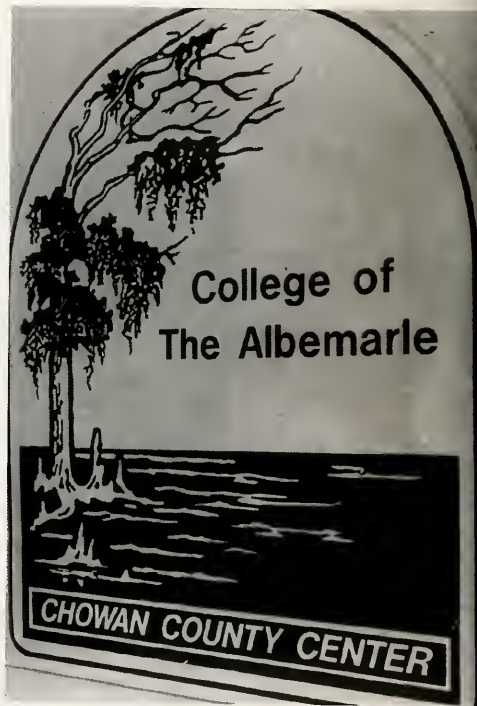
COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE



Elizabeth City Campus



Dare Campus



Chowan Campus

The Dream Captain

Dr. Larry R. Donnithorne is the sixth president of COA. He came to the college from a position as a teacher and administrator at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. In his first year at COA, Dr. Donnithorne shared the dream of most COA faculty and staff members, that they might help others to realize their dreams through education.

His personal dreams have long involved education, even from his earliest youth, when his mother inspired him with the necessity that he should go to college — even though that seemed improbable because his family was quite poor. However, a full scholarship provided by West Point enabled Dr. Donnithorne to pursue that dream. He credits the good will and help of others for all of his educational opportunities.



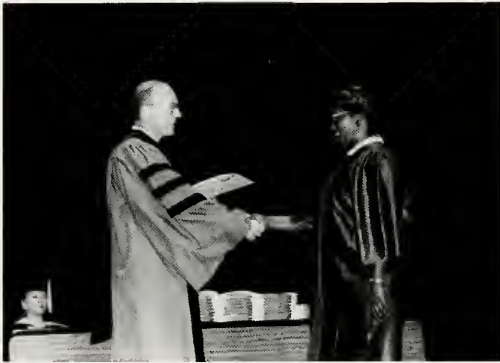
Another dream of Dr. Donnithorne made possible at West Point was to parachute out of an airplane, which he did about 200 times while a student at the Academy, including a jump out of the Goodyear blimp.

His dreams have been inspired by several great role models, two of whom he is quick to mention, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Sister Teresa.

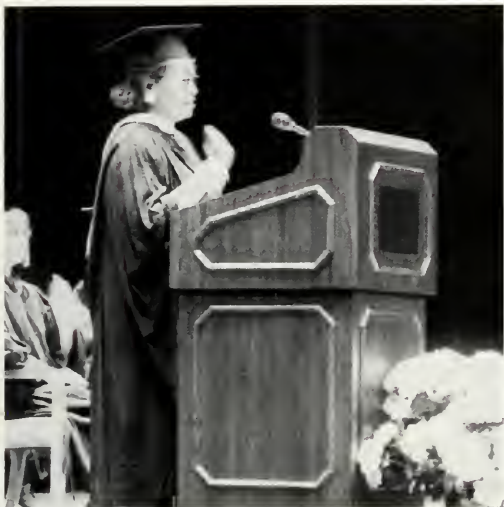
His advice to COA students is to recognize and believe in the great potential worth of every human being. Then think of yourself and your friends in terms *not* of what each of you are now, but rather of what you have the potential to become. Finally, work with irresistible determination to enable them — and yourself — to fulfill those dreams. May they all come true.



THE DREAM BECOMES



A REALITY



PLANNING BIG TO



MAKE DREAMS HAPPEN





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Achievers



In the beginning . . .



Whose side are you on?





Judy Nero, Admissions Secretary, checks the computer for closed classes.



Captive audience
When Dr. Donnithorne talks every-
one listens.



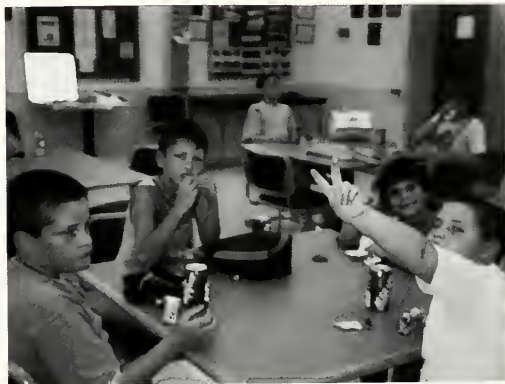
The exchange of honors, hopes and
dreams.



James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor of
North Carolina, made a stop at the
College of the Albemarle on his
September visit to Northeastern
North Carolina. Hunt talked with
students and answered questions.
He noted to the students that he
remembered visiting COA's Bridges
Program during the gubernatorial
campaign in the fall of 1992. He
told students that he used a Brid-
ges student he met as an example
of a success story in several of his
campaign speeches.



little dreams, big dreams they all add up



I'll walk a mile to help achieve the dream of good health.



Hard work is needed to fulfill rewarding dreams.

Community volunteering often leads to career dreams.



Dreams At Work

C l u b s

Students are encouraged to get involved in student activities and to join students clubs and/or organizations. A variety of student interests are met through cultural events and club activities through funds made possible by activity fees paid by the students. The clubs provide an avenue for students to put their dreams to work.



STUDENT SENATE

The purpose of the Student Senate of the college shall be to promote good citizenship throughout the college and to plan and initiate with the advice of the consent of the Dean of Student Development designed activities that are sponsored by the Student Senate. It shall be the purpose of this organization to stimulate interest in college life both on and off campus as well as in the community.



Pictured Right to Left
Susan Stubblefield, Jackie Croser, B. J. Cooper, Gary McNary, Jeff Lupton, Lynn Hurdle-Winslow, SGA Advisor, Seema Patel, Zahra Nazami



DARE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Pictured Left to Right
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- Lindale Hill
- Joyce Mathews
- Debbie Willis
- Latoya Winslow
- Back Row
- Virginia Tillett, SGA Advisor
- Wilma Gard
- Nora Simpson
- Dianne Tylich
- Milton Rosario

CHOWAN STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

- Left to Right
- Lois Coltraine, Treasurer
- Donna Davenport, Senator
- Dorothy Best, Secretary
- Elaine Ervin, President
- Lori Harasink, Vice President
- Roxanna White, Senator





The Drama Group has provided students and faculty with entertainment, such as the "Big River" Production.

Art Club





Biology Club — Jerry Leete, Advisor



Biology Bake Sale — Hmm . . . I wonder what they used for ingredients?

Phi Theta Kappa ($\Phi\Theta K$) Club

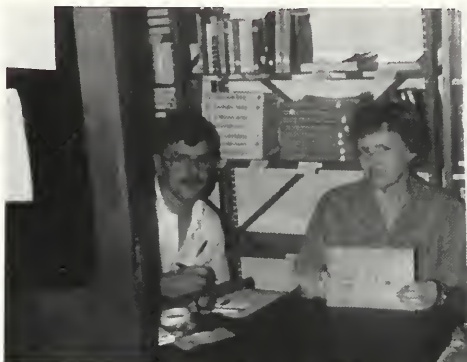


Pictured in Front Row, Kneeling, From Left to Right: Lori Brinson, Fundraiser Coordinator and Director of Public Relations, Michelle Oldridge Secretary, Alan Dail President, Gale Healey, Treasurer, Tom Culver. Middle Row From Left to Right: Debra Williams Co-Advisor, Anne Moore, Cheryl Tate Vice-President, Laurie Ridely Treasurer, Mary Conley, Donna Gilbird Co-Fundraiser Coordinator, Mary Kincaid Co-Fundraiser Coordinator. Last Row From Left to Right: Rhonda Watts Co-Advisor, Pam Parker Secretary, Chandra Jernigan, Jeff Lupton, John Wynn VanDyn SGA Representative.

Phi Theta Kappa is the national honor society for community and two year colleges. Members must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher. Activities are based on Phi Theta Kappa's four hallmarks: scholarship, service, fellowship, and leadership. Being a member of Phi Theta Kappa is a privilege earned by qualifications, service, and honor.

The main campus, Nu Nu Chapter of PTK convention in Charleston, South Carolina. Also, PTK completed part of the service traditional by helping with Fall Student Registration and Orientation. Furthermore, PTK worked with community more this year by hosting a community yard sale and helping the Camden 4H activities to help the students such as: Aids and Cultural Religion seminar and a tuition raffle for students to obtain free tuition a Christmas party winter quarter. During the holidays, PTK organized and hosted a Christmas party for the children at the SGA Christmas party and contributed energy and salespersons to help sell the Christmas trees at the Boys. As usual, PTK will award two five-hundred dollar scholarships to eligible students, host the "Faculty Appreciation Day in the Spring" and continue to help students buy and sell books in the PTK Used Bookstore.







PTK members organized and gave the Children of Friends of the Court a Christmas Party.



PTK helping COA during registration and helping students buy and sell books in the Used Bookstore.



COSMETOLOGY CLUB

Students in COA's cosmetology program are active in more ways than just the classroom and lab area. Community service is also of primary concern, both on and off campus with fund raisers and visits to hospitals, nursing homes and funeral homes.

We attend professional hair shows throughout the year where we gain new skills and knowledge about our chosen profession. The COS club is active on campus with Student Senate activities whenever time permits.



Hairy up! I have to go back to class.



Service with a smile. We aim to please.



Snip, snip here; snip snip there. Take a little, leave a lot.

Cosmetology Club

NURSING



Nat'l. Accreditation Sought for COA's Nursing Program

The College of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City, will begin pursuing national accreditation for its associate degree nursing program, thanks to a long-time supporter of the college who gave a donation to support the initiative. Dr. Zack Owens, a local retired surgeon, presented a financial gift to the college earmarked for the accreditation process.

Accreditation by the National League for Nursing will provide for the enhancement of educational quality, give assurance of program improvement and contribute to the betterment of nursing practice, a college official said.

Wilma Harris, chairperson of COA's nursing program, said, "I believe the end result of this process will provide written validation that, indeed, we do have a high quality nursing program here at COA." The accreditation process will span two years.

In two of the past three years, COA has had perfect pass rates on the national examination for practical nursing students.



A.C.E.S.



Club Members (l to r)- M. Swain, Linda Waters, Debbie Sears, Bonnie Carlyle, Denise Woodley, Cheryl Moore, Mary Beth Catler, Dana Burgess, Amy White.

The College of the Albemarle's Alternative Career Education Studies (ACES) was organized to provide a support group, workshops and seminars, and other appropriate activities and programs to meet the needs of non-traditional students at the college.

Membership is open to students currently enrolled in non-traditional curricula at COA, former members who have continuing interest in the goals of the organization, and other peers and professionals with an interest in non-traditional careers for women or men.



A.C.E.S. Halloween Party



A.C.E.S. Family Picnic

A.C.E.S. Club Meeting



A.C.E.S. Officers (l to r)-
Denise Woodley, Club
Senator; Dana Burgess,
Treasurer; Linda Waters,
Secretary; Amy White,
Vice President; Cheryl
Moore, President.



Newspaper Staff

Front row (l to r)- Amy Taylor, proof reader, Debbie Willis, layouts. Back row (l to r)- Major Hooper, Assistant editor, Rocky Midgett, Editor. Not pictured- Kay Barefoot, Adviser, Jen Chapan, Assistant editor.



S. A. D. D.

Front row (l to r)- Vicky Mohr, Treasurer, Shelly Parrot, Joyce Mathews, Vice President, Debbie Willis, President. Back row (l to r)- Allan Alderidge, Adviser, Willima Gard, Donna Wilson, Secretary. Not pictured- Dianne Tylich



C.O.A. GOSPEL CHOIR



The COA Gospel Choir is a club made up of the students at COA. In order to be a member of the Gospel Choir the students must maintain a GPA of 2.0. The Gospel Choir welcomes all students regardless of ability. The choir was started by the late Vincent Taylor in 1992. We the members of the Gospel Choir continue on with the dream of Vincent Taylor with his spirit and the Grace of God as our leader. There are currently eighteen members. Front Row (l to r) — Anita Stallings, Betty J. Barco, President, Susan Stubblefield, Treasurer, Clyde Leverette, Advisor. Second Row — Demetricia Reed, Tasha Johnson, Vice President, Anthony Moore, Assistant Secretary. Third Row — Gail Harris, Ife Berry, David Brooks, Vanessa L. Osborne, Not Pictured — Harriet Evans, Secretary, Annie Brown, Candy Lewis, June Banner, Barbara Roundtree, Melissa Bowe, Stacie Spungler, Geraldine Whidbee.

C.O.A. CHORALE CLUB



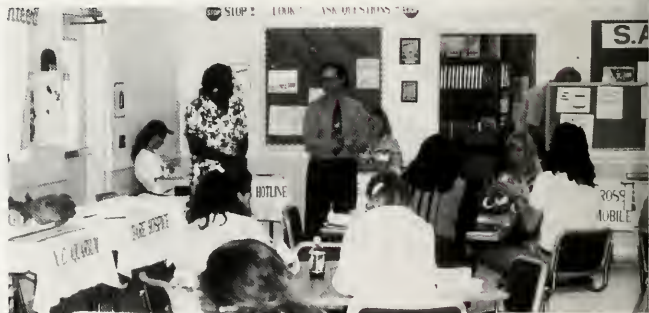
The Chorale Club, advised by Dr. Chou, had a great '93 and '94 school year with many activities. On November 4, 1993 we catered the refreshments for the art exhibit by Theo Wildanger. In December, 1993 along with Albemarle Community Chorus we performed "Messiah" by Go To The Handel at First Baptist Church with Orchestra. Also in December, we went to Guardian Care and sang Christmas carols for the elderly. In March, 1993 along with The Albemarle Community Chorus, we performed "Choral Fantasy" by Beethoven and "Mass in G" by Schubert at First United Methodist Church with orchestra. With all of the practicing and activities, we made lasting friendships. Since 1993 and 1994 were wonderful we look forward to 1994-95 being even more wonderful.



We are the dream believers, who become achievers. Our dreams become reality with hard work, determination, a lot of drive and support of others. Most of all we never stop dreaming.

The dream believers of today challenge the student of tomorrow to become the future achievers that never give up on their dreams.

Debbie Willis



STOP! LOOK! Ask questions! We are here to make dreams happen.



Gloria Alexander
 Angela Backes
 Becky Blanchard
 Windy Champlin
 Mark Creff

Joy Ange
 Lee Barnhart
 Debra Bratton
 Kendrick Chesson
 Diana Croswait

Alice Armstrong
 Rhonda Benson
 Richard Burke
 David Clatterbauk
 Marisa Culpepper

Kathleen Avitt
 William Best
 Jen Chapman
 Tim Clifford
 Mary Daniels



Jason Deis
Wilma Gard
Kim Harris
Lindale Hill

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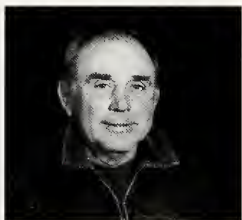


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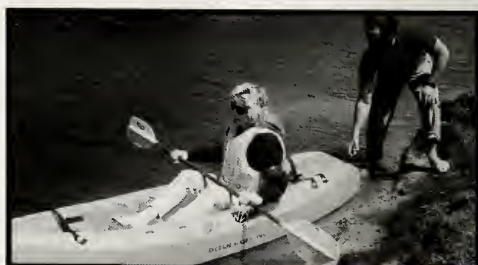
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Center, right-Karen Harper prepares to "shoot the rapids" at the Dare Campus' spring Activities Day.





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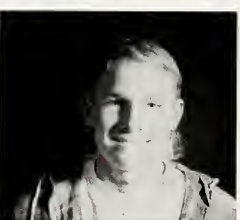


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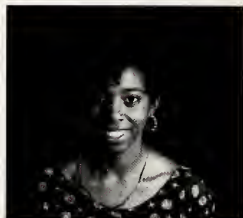


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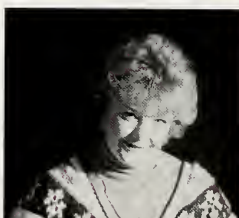


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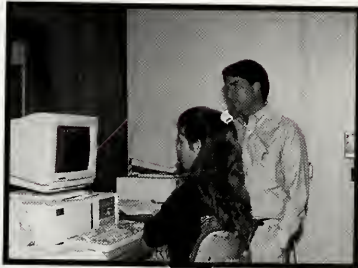
by Laurie Ridley

I have many dreams. Most of those dreams I will spend my life waiting and watching to see if I will achieve them. I do not expect it to be an easy journey nor, do I expect my dreams in the end to be the same that I have today. My dreams will grow, become more diverse, some of the dreams may have to be forgotten so that I may achieve the important ones.

For Myself, I dream of becoming a marine biologist. I hope for the chance to continue my college education, to continue on this path that I have begun for myself. It is not easy, this dream has many adversaries in life. Time and money, my children, these are the things which I will be working around to make this dream become a reality. It may not be realized tomorrow, but some day I will have earned the title, Marine Biologist.

This dream began many years ago, I decided at some point it was unrealistic, I would never be able to reach it, so I put it away. It lay where I left it, in the back of my mind, tickling my thoughts with pictures I would never see for myself, pictures I had seen on the television or in a magazine. I can tell you the day I decided to make this old, forgotten dream a reality. I remember clearly the feeling of exhilaration I had when I decided to do this. It took many months before I had the courage to tell my husband. I was afraid I would be told I could never achieve it, I was afraid I would be convinced to put it away because it was a career that did not promise a good income. I was just simply afraid of saying it aloud. As long as I kept it to myself I could keep dreaming.

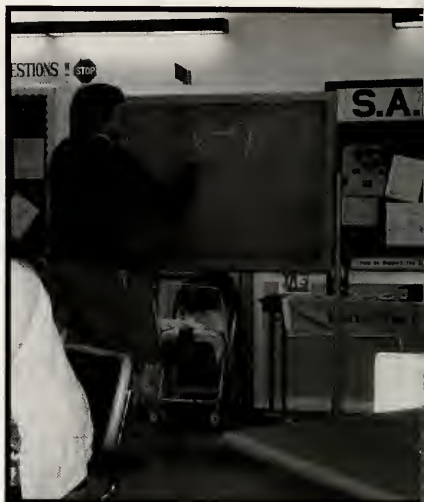
I also remember the day I realized if I don't tell someone, if I don't have the support of my family, this will remain just a dream. a dream even further away than it was when I believed I was not capable of achieving it. I told my husband that day. Since then I have realized it wasn't money, responsibilities, or the seemingly lack of opportunities that led me to put this dream away the first time. It was because I never shared this dream.

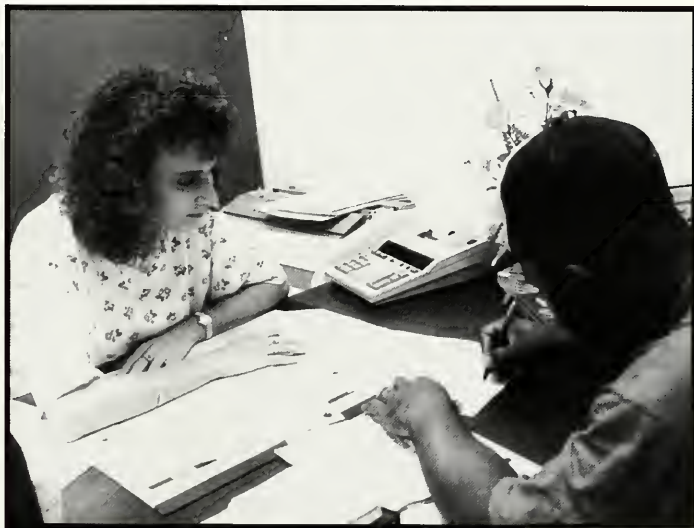
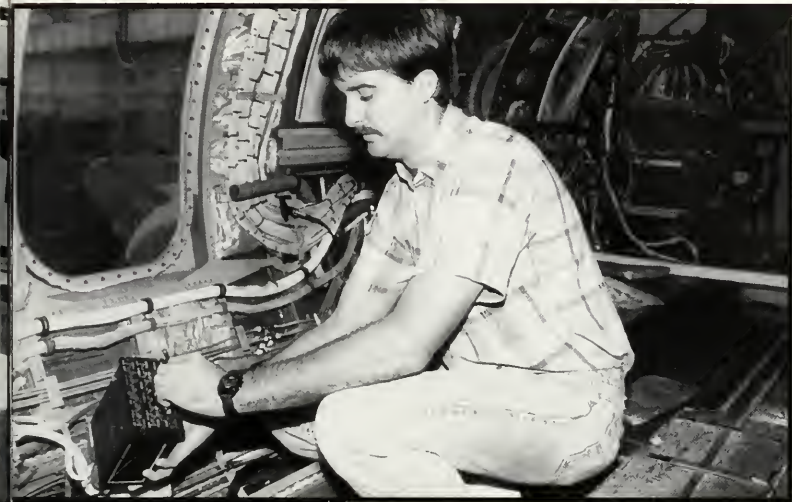


Making Dreams



Come True





The Real Teacher

A real teacher is on my side.

A real teacher lets me be me and tries to understand what it's like
to be me.

A real teacher accepts me whether he likes me or not.

A real teacher doesn't have expectations of me because of what
I've been or what he's been.

A real teacher is more interested in how I learn than what I learn.

A real teacher doesn't make me feel anxious and afraid.

A real teacher provides many choices.

A real teacher lets me teach myself even if it takes longer.

A real teacher talk so I can understand what he means to say.

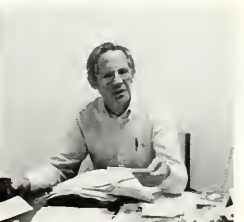
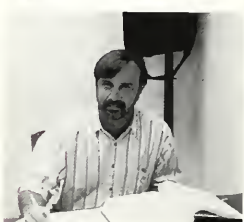
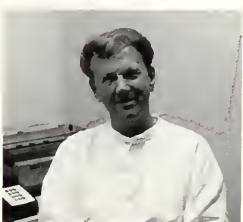
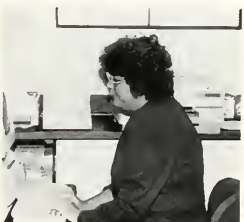
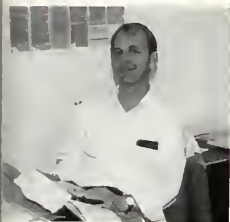
A real teacher can make mistakes and admit it.

A real teacher can show his feelings and let me show mine.

A real teacher wants me to evaluate my own work.

Compliments of Ben Hill
Art Department, COA
Where you learn to see

Greer and Rubenstein
Murray State Univ. Newsletter 1-3-73
Will the real teacher please stand up?

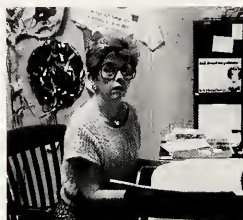
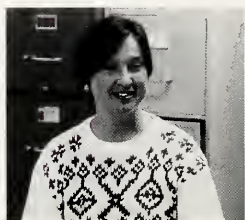
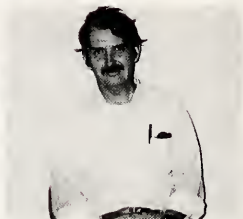


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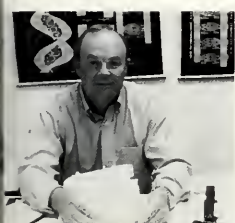


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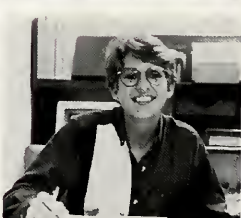
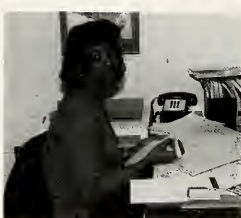
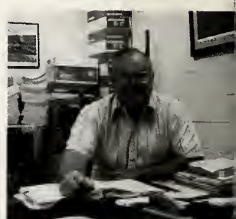
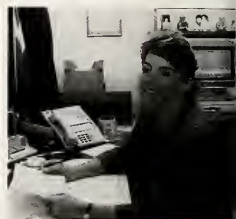
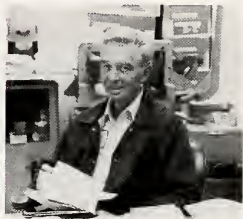
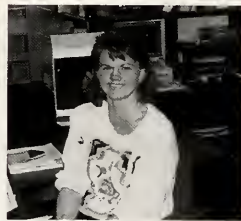


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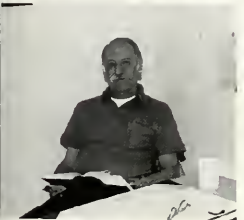
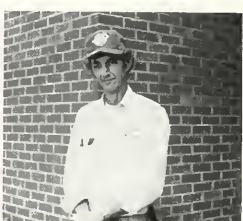
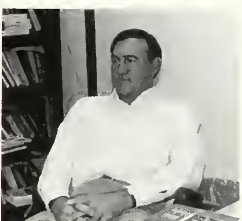
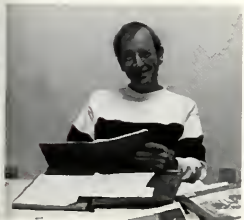


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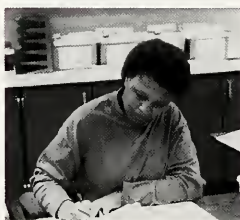
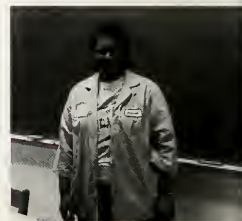
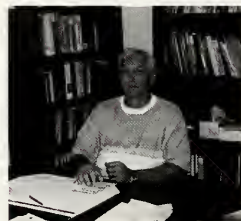


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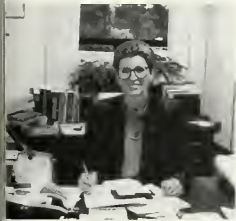
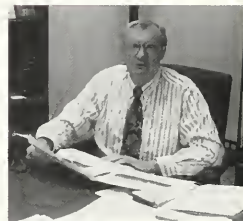
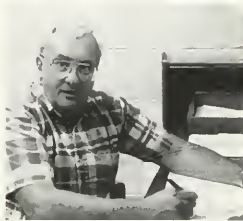
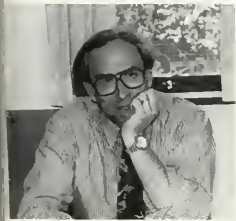
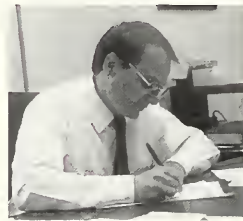
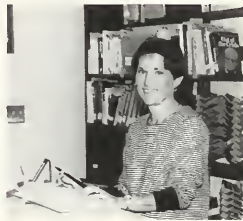


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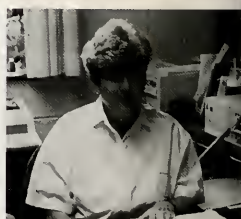
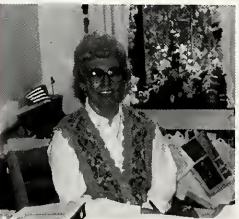
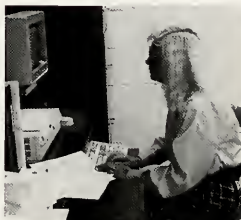
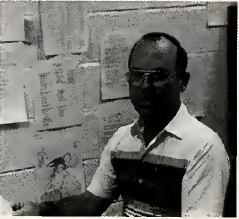
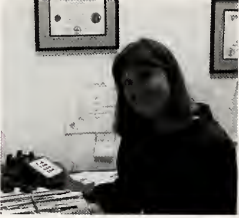
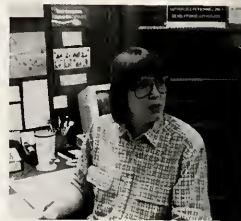


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I Have A Dream Too

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Today as I stand and look around searching for an answer that will ensure me that things have changed, I see they have but, I ask the question, "How much"?

Today, hundreds of years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, I still see slavery. I have experienced racism and discrimination. If this is the land of milk and honey, tell me where can I find the mouth of this such river from which it flows? As I continue looking around I find myself angered at the things my eyes see and my ears hear. We as the black race have come so far but it seems as if we have not taken many steps. We are so eager to allow the word "oppressed" spill from our lips. We're free now but what have we done with our freedom. We've been freed only to enslave ourselves once again.

You see, I too have a dream that my sisters will begin to educate themselves in order to educate our children for they are leaders of tomorrow. I have a dream that my brothers would stop killing themselves souls to the crack pipes.

I have a dream that my children can walk down the street in their own neighborhood without being in fear of "the man". I hope that they can sleep at night without hearing echoing shots ringing out and seeing blue lights dancing on our bedroom walls.

I have a dream that one day we will come together and stand up for what is right, for if we do not shake off the shackles of shame and delete the doubts and despair slavery will always exist in our minds.

I have a dream, too.

My dream is that we stand together for divided we are and we have fallen. What are the benefits of gaining the world and losing your soul. My hope is not to be judgemental but influential. That my flicker will somehow start a flame that will engulf the hardened ice hearts of sisters and brothers everywhere. Then and only then will we hear freedom ring. After the cotton has been loosed from our ears.

I have a dream too.



