

# **COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE**

**Elizabeth City - Dare - Chowan**



**2000**

**BEACON**



## Dedication

The yearbook staff struggled to find the right person to dedicate this yearbook to. There were fondly remembered faculty and staff who were retiring, students who had to leave COA due to family circumstances, and those who had made record achievements. For those who have had to leave COA unwillingly, we will continue to hope for the best for you and your family. For those who have made achievements and who have given years of faithful service to COA, we salute you. However, we have chosen the one person who left us without saying goodbye. Jean George your COA family loves you!

*In Remembrance of*  
Jean George



College Of The Albemarle  
President



*Dr. Sylvester McKay*

Congratulations to the students, staff, and faculty who have made this yearbook possible. Many community colleges are unable to complete such an undertaking.

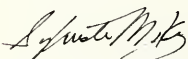
Yearbooks are a way of capturing and permanently recording a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Many of the relationships that you developed this year will last and become richer over time.

This has been an exciting year. The college opened the Technology Center on the Elizabeth City Campus and started construction on the Technology Center for the Dare County Campus. The COA Foundation made a commitment to increase funding for student scholarships and technology. The college became the only community college in North Carolina, and one of very few in the country, to have an endowed professorship in music. The professorship is named in the honor of Miles Clark, a strong supporter of music education.

The college is moving ahead with locating a permanent facility in Chowan County and will soon announce a new facility in Perquimans County. This growth is aimed at better serving the citizens and businesses of northeastern North Carolina.

We have started to see growth and economic development come to northeastern North Carolina. With the arrival of NUCOR, the announcement by Cargo Lifter, the expansion of the boat construction industry, and the movement of small business from the Tidewater area of Virginia into our region will fundamentally change the types of job opportunities and the required skill levels. I urge you to watch these changes and continue to prepare yourself for these emerging opportunities.

Good Luck.



Sylvester McKay  
President

## Greetings from the Yearbook Editors:

Hello COA! I send this greeting to all my fellow students and to the faculty and staff. COA has become a place where I have made lasting friends. When I leave COA it will become a fondly remembered home for me when I was looking to make a meaning for my life. For those of you who share my feelings, this yearbook is for you.

Co-Editor

Stephanie M. Humphries



Hello to all the staff and students of COA. I have had a lot of fun working on this yearbook. Now that it is done I am glad. Each picture that was pasted held a memory.

Now these memories can be kept and shared for years to come. I hope years down the line you will look back on this year as a year worth remembering cause I will.

I just want to thank all the people who helped Stephanie and me to make this yearbook possible. I also want to thank my wife Rachel. She showed a lot of love and understanding in the hours that it took to complete this yearbook. My last parting thought is for everyone to always remember a life without education is no life at all.

Co-Editor

James Travis Mooney

# *Elizabeth City Campus*



## ELIZABETH CITY CAMPUS STUDENTS



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Michael Barclift



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Lee Bednar



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Kina Bowe



Jeremy Brancato



Matthew Bright



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Belinda Butler



Julian Cartwright



Preston Craddock



Jacqueline Cullins



David Darrow



Bonnie Eason



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Deborah Ferebee



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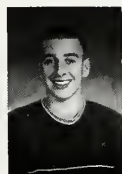
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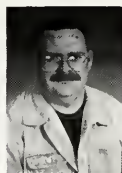
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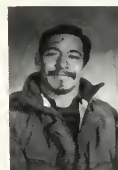
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Ray Scaffa



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Joe Turner



Rhonda Watts



James Welch



Gwen Wescott



Wayman White



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Debra Williams



Doug Williams



Rose Williams



Grace Wilson



Jeff Zeigler

# ALTHEA RIDDICK

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

NC COMMUNITY COLLEGES'  
TOP HONOR



EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

*Althea Riddick received the Excellence in Teaching Award, the highest honor for full-time teachers in the North Carolina Community College System, during ceremonies in Raleigh on November 19, 1999.*

*She is the first COA instructor to receive the honor and it comes just eight short years after she graduated from COA.*

*Ms. Riddick is an assistant professor in COA's in the Business Information Technology Department.*

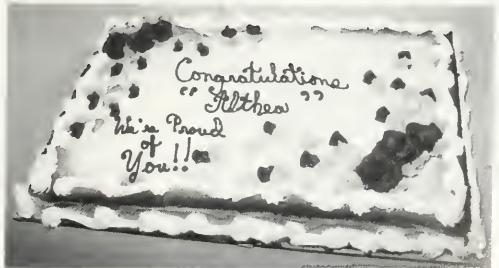
*When she began classes at COA she wanted to be an administrative assistant so she began taking business classes. There she met Marvenia White, a business education instructor, who was to have a profound impact on her career. One day Ms. White asked her what she really wanted to do with her life. Althea said that she thought about how she enjoyed working as a professional tutor through COA's Student Services center, and realized that she wanted to teach. Marvenia told her to "go for it."*

*Not long after Althea's graduation from COA, Marvenia was diagnosed with breast cancer. She died five years ago, shortly before Althea received her master's degree from East Carolina University.*

*Today Riddick keeps a photograph of herself with Marvenia, on her desk. "I look up at it and I hope she's pleased with what I've become, because she lit the fire," Althea says. "She saw something in me, so I believe why shouldn't I pay attention to my students?"*

*Althea says she models her teaching style after White's. She admits being tough on her freshman students, but says it's necessary because the work world is difficult and many are woefully unprepared for it.*

*Well done Ms. Riddick. You are an inspiration to all of us!!*



## Christian Science Organization

For several years Ms. Jo Nell Belsie has been very active in the support of student activities and projects at all three COA campus's. Representing the Christian Science Organization (CSO), she has participated in most Elizabeth City Campus student government meetings, provided support and donations for numerous dances and parties, and has been a driving force in the Adopt-A-Highway Program in the name of College of the Albemarle.



Each year Jacques and Jo Nell Belsie, President and Secretary of CSO of COA attend several meetings of the CSO of Université de Paris. Ms. Belsie, with her back to the camera, shares an insight with the French group.



Adopt-A-Highway- CSO has taken two 2 mile tracts of highway in Barco and Kitty Hawk to keep clear of trash, in the name of CSO and College of the Albemarle.



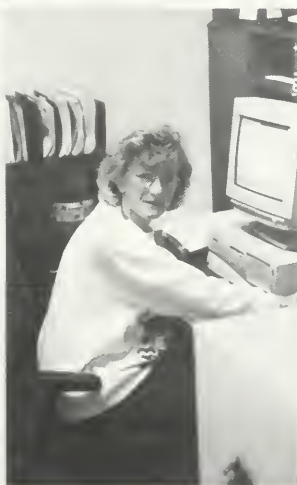
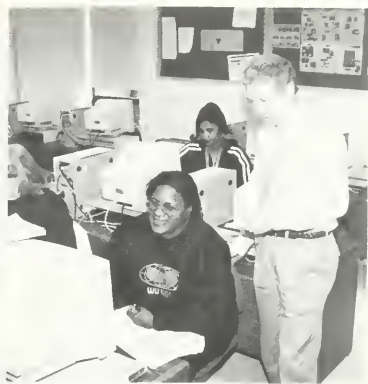
Sara Jane Phelps, a resident of Nags Head, holds a leather copy of Mary Baker Eddy's "Science and Health. With Key to the Scriptures".



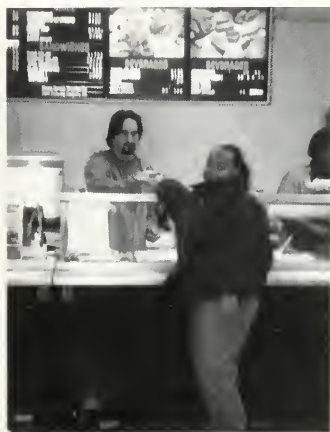
Big deal for CSO this year- Mark David Wilson gave CSO a wonderful present—a beachfront time-share cottage in Duck



A Dolphin Family: The entire Timmerman family have been students at COA during the 1980's. The Timmermans were Christian Scientists, and can be considered the forerunners of the current CSO.

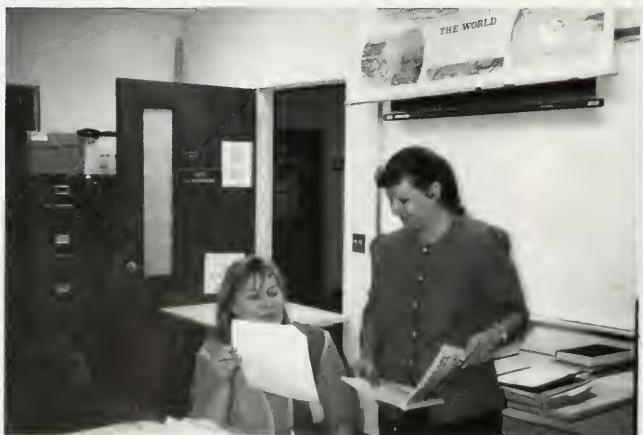






# AHS/GED

The Future Of C.O.A.



*College Of The Albemarle  
Special Events*

*Meet The President Luncheon*

*Easter Egg Hunt*

*Spring Fling 99'*

*Intramurals*

*Friends Of The Court*

*Halloween Party*

*Children's Christmas Party*

*Christmas Dinner/Dance*

## "Meet The President" Luncheon

In an effort to promote student-faculty relations, College of The Albemarle's Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored the second annual "Meet The President" Luncheon. Dr. Sylvester McKay, COA President, was on hand to take questions from the student body and speak on issues that the administration is currently working on for students.

Held in the COA Student Center, the luncheon included free pork and chicken barbecue for all students, faculty and staff and allowed everyone involved at COA to raise concerns to Dr. McKay or the SGA about the quality of campus life.



# Easter Egg Hunting!?

C.O.A put on an Easter egg hunt for kids of all ages. We even invited Peter Cotton Tail.



# *Spring Fling 99'*

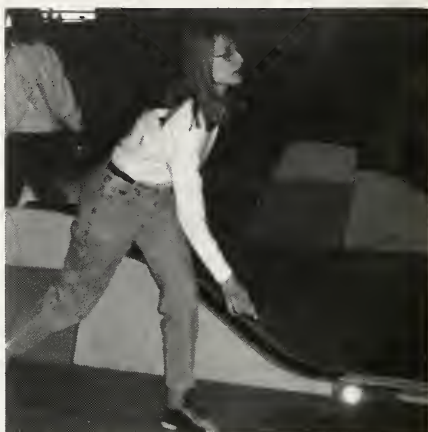
Spring Fling brought a lot of fun for everyone who attended. We held Intramurals during the day before the dance. The dance was held at Hanger Seven on the Coast Guard Base. As you can see, we danced, laughed, and even hula hooped! Thanks to the spring fling committee for such a great day!







## *Intramurals*



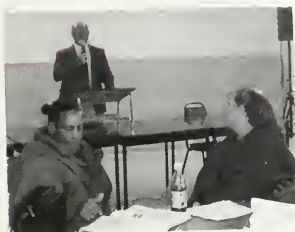
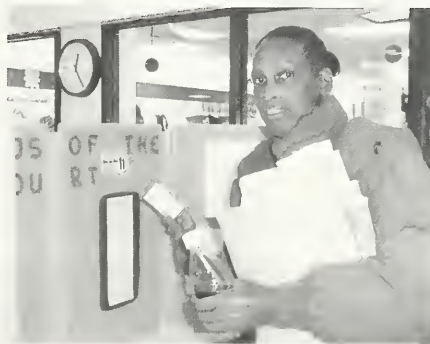
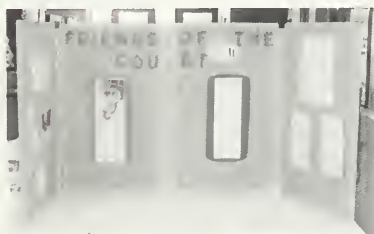


Above: Friends of The Court Director Glenn Hassell answers questions from COA students, faculty, and staff in the Student Center

## Friends of The Court Orientation

Friends of the Court, a One-On-One Volunteer Program serving at-risk youth in Pasquotank County, made a stop at the COA Student Center to recruit volunteers for the program. Glenn Hassell, Friends of the Court director, was the guest speaker and challenged COA students, staff and faculty to show the youth our support for them and to provide help for the kids who are at-risk.

A question and answer session ensued from the audience, and over ten people signed up to learn more about the youth services program. To find out more about Friends of the Court, contact Hassell at 338-1414.



## Halloween Party

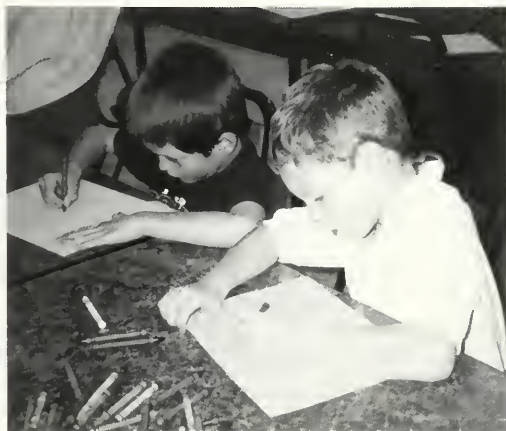
Halloween festivities were in full swing at College of The Albemarle, as students, faculty, and staff were invited free of charge to a Halloween party held at COA's Student Center. Music was provided by TJ Letourneau, a student at the college. A costume contest ensued with Jarrod Henson taking home first place honors and receiving a \$30 gift certificate to CRH Catering, the food provider at the college. Thank you, Matt Bright, for all your hard work.





## Children's Christmas Party

It was a day for the kiddies at College of The Albemarle, as the Student Government Association rang in the holiday season with a Christmas Party designed for children of COA students, faculty and staff. Kids were treated to a free meal and a visit from Santa Claus, where the children received free gifts from Old Saint Nick.



## *Christmas Dinner/Dance 1999*

The Christmas Dinner/Dance was at the Holiday Inn this year. There was great fun, great food, and getting to party with our friends was best of all! A huge thanks goes to Tammy Weaver who worked hard to make the night a success. Just look at all the fun we had!



**COA**

**Clubs**

*Cosmetology*

*Travel*

*Biology*

*Phi Theta Kappa*

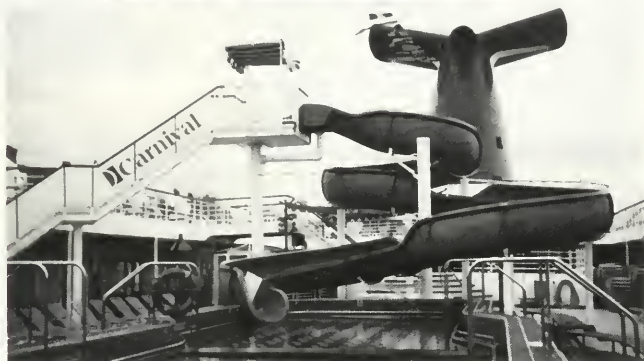
*ADN/LPN*



**The Cosmetology Club:** Kenisha Moore, Linda Ange-Harris, Denita Williams, Craig Williams, Amy Parks, Jovan Stallings, Tammy Liverman, & Tracy Simpson.



# The Travel Club



Travel students went “sliding” into the cruise experience!



We have been “inspired”!



Rockin’ with  
Megan Morra in the  
Rock and Roll Lounge!

# PHI THETA KAPPA NU NU CHAPTER



**Spring Semester induction Honored Guest Speaker  
Dr. Riccardo and Spring Semester President Tammy Weaver**



PTK members have been involved in many community activities such as working with Albemarle Manna, Adopt-a-Highway, Hopeline, and they also worked with several elementary school students through the America Reads Program.



PTK members gathered together to help with the Adopt-a-Highway Program on Broad Street in Elizabeth City.



During the 1999-2000, PTK inducted over 50 new members into their chapter. The Phi Theta Kappa Nu Nu Chapter and their advisors, Jeff Carter and Jan Lauten, would like to once again congratulate each and every individual honor student inducted over the past year.



Nancy Forbes has provided catering for all of the PTK Induction ceremonies. Not only can Nancy cook, but her food displays were absolutely beautiful!



PTK member Angela Hines takes time out to enjoy a hot cup of coffee with Student Government President Owen Hassell

College of the Albemarle's PTK Club has worked extra hard this year. Not only did they work many long hours providing students with the opportunity to purchase used books in their PTK Used Book Store, but they also spent a little extra time helping SGA with their Coffee Social.



PTK member Michelle Pennington displays her wonderful talent of working with flowers during the Valentine's Day Carnation Sale



# *Biology Club*

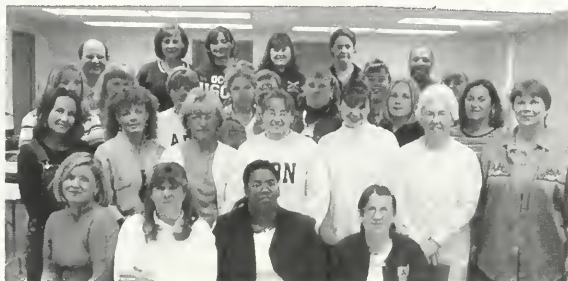
The Biology Club at COA, which meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month, bills itself as being more about trips than Biology. Despite the unusually cold fall of 1999, the club was able to go canoeing on Merchant's Mill Pond, keeping a sharp eye out for wildlife (not many bugs, no alligators, lots of turtles!) and exercising neglected arm muscles.

To raise funds for future trips and club activities, members held a Guess-How-Many-Pieces-of-Candy-are-in-the-Jar raffle at Halloween, a Turkey raffle before Thanksgiving, and sold balloons for Valentine's Day.

Club members will spend the March 2000 spring break at Snowshoe Mountain, skiing and otherwise recreating, and have already made detailed plans for a camping and hiking trip in August, right after the end of summer sessions.



## *ADN 2000*



Angela Armstrong, Christine Berry, Mary Brumsey, Ronda Clark, Jennifer Craddock, Amy Dasher, Heather Evans, Diane Fisher, Annette Griswell, Patricia Fyfe, Lu'Shell Hayes, Cheryl Harmon, Naomi Heath, Donna Humphries, Margot Liggett, Hector Mann, Amy Miller, Angela Pierce, Akemi Rinelli, Laura Saufley, Heather Bohn, Michael Taff, Beverly Warfield, Hope Waters, Kathleen York, Merry Sue Foster

## *LPN*



Sandra Corso, Jacqueline Collins, Shannon Dart, Danielle Eure, Donna Frain, Hope Hostutler, Christine Speight, Helen Wall, Patricia White



## Presidential Induction of Dr. Sylvester McKay



## Ribbon-Cutting Of E Building



***CAMPUS***

***ORGANIZATIONS***

***Coast Players***

***Ambassadors***

***S.G.A.***

# COAST PLAYERS



The COAST players had a very successful year with a total of three shows on the stage. To start the season Ms. Sandra Boyce added her magic to the stage and brought to life the heart wrenching production of **THE DIVINERS**. Then history was made with the first ever all student production, **DON'T DRINK THE WATER**. Cricket Fox took on the challenge of directing and certainly proved his dedication to the program. Later this spring Jamie Young will use his incredible love of musical theatre to light the stage with the spirit of song as the production **INTO THE WOODS** takes command of the stage.

## Spotlight Please!



Top Left:  
Jereny Brancato,  
Joy Perry, Tina  
Squires, Top Right:  
Jen Skulski, Sarah  
Jo Lorraine, Middle  
Left: Kyleen, Jen  
Skulski, Middle  
Right: Ashley White,  
Mandy Futrell,  
Laurie Smith, Bottom  
Left: Cricket Fox  
Bottom Right:  
Joy Perry,  
Ms. Sandra Boyce



Left: Joy Perry,  
Sandra Boyce  
Right: Jamie  
Young  
Bottom Right:  
Sarah Jo Lorraine,  
Jen Skulski,  
Cecelia Umphlet



Top: Melissa  
Sanderlin,  
Sean Durlington,  
Alex Rathiff  
The two  
masterminds  
behind  
the curtain  
Right:  
Sam Johnson,  
Andrew Ball



Top: Laurie Smith, Jeremy Brancato, Tim Sklar  
Rehearsal for INTO THE WOODS Left: Kyleen, Laurie Smith,  
Andrew Ball, Mandy Futrell (music director), Jen Skulski, DD  
Figgs, Jeremy Brancato, Scott Morrison, Jamie Young (director),  
Ashley White, Mike Williams, Jessica White, Cricket Fox,  
Sarah Jo Lorraine (I'm taking the picture)



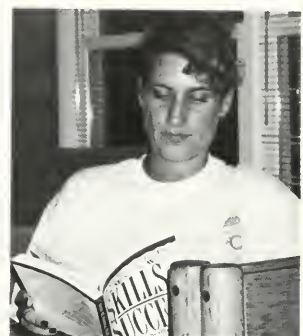
## *College of the Albemarle Student Ambassadors*



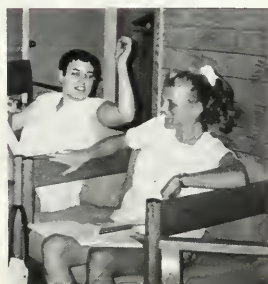
*Tammy Weaver, Misty Ward, Wendy Sydnor, Melissa Orenduff,  
LeAnna Dixon Lang, and Athena Chasteen*



*Ambassadors provide services including giving campus tours, hosting campus activities, recruiting students (college/career day programs), representing COA at various college and community events, assisting with registration and orientation, assisting with COA Foundation activities, and other activities as requested by COA's president or designee.*



*The Ambassadors attended a summer leadership retreat to help expand their knowledge, obtain new leadership skills, work at team building, and to get to know one another. Overall, this was a fun-filled event which proved to be one of the major initial supporting links for the Ambassadors.*



*The Ambassadors would like to thank Sandra Ray, Emily Robertson, Nancy Semones, and Martha Swain for their dedication to making the first COA Ambassador Program a success.*

# College of The Albemarle Student Government Association 1999-2000



1999-2000 SGA Officers (L to R): (top row) Tammy Weaver, Renee Jennings, Jerry Oliver, Joynell Collins, Ted Vogel, Ella Brown, Keisha White, (middle) Preston Craddock, Christy Hardy, Owen A. Hassell, Sarah Jo Lorraine, Travis Mooney. (bottom) Matthew Bright.



North Carolina Comprehensive Community

College Student Government Association



The SGA advisors:  
Mr. Jerry Oliver  
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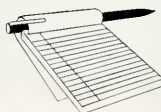


# The Student Voice

Now in its second-straight year of existence with editors Owen A. Hassell and BarbaraJane Clopton-Blackwell, *The Student Voice* is College of The Albemarle's link to students' concerns. Before that, the college's student newspaper had served a three-year absence.

The paper has grown strong during this academic year. Certain issues we have covered are: COA's handicap accessibility, library funding, bookstore prices, and club news. Also, editors Hassell and Blackwell provided their respective opinions.

In addition, *The Student Voice* now includes stories from COA's satellite campuses. The Dare County Campus and Chowan County Center were first featured in our December edition. Students from those campuses, as well as the Elizabeth City Campus, were encouraged to write for the school newspaper.



*The Student Voice*  
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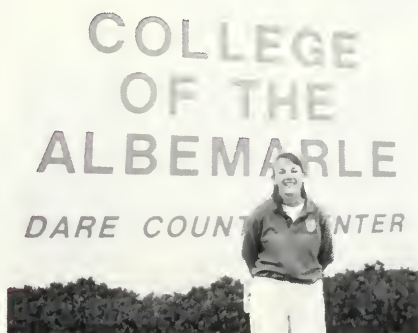
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Abigail Hill



Jennifer Hyde



Rachael Hyde



Sharon King



Jean Loomis



Nathaniel Loughery



Maureen McNamara



Dianne Moore



Renee Oneal



Melissa Orenduff



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Jeremy Todd



Julia Todd



Sean Tracy



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Sarah Whitfield



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Allen Aldridge



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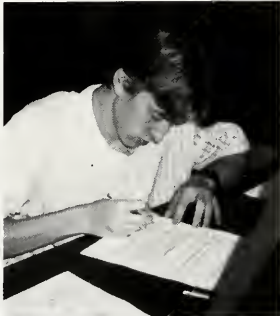
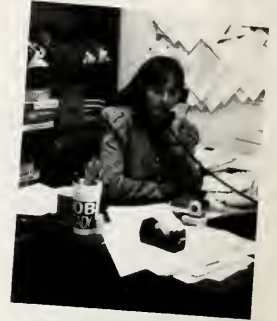


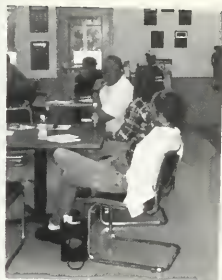
Fall Semester 1999  
Kayaking class



Fall semester 1999 marks the first  
time that College of The Albemarle's  
Dare County Campus has  
tested the waters by kayak.

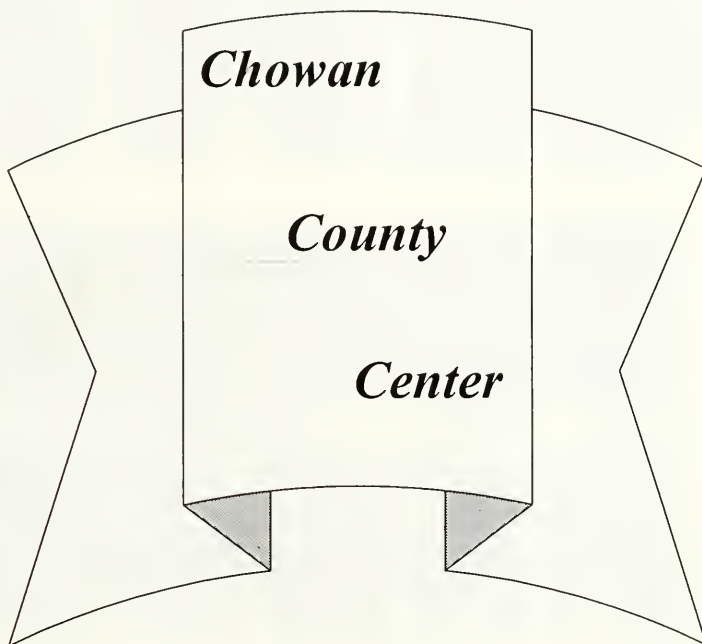






Political Science/ CJC  
Larry Chaney on an African Safari  
November 1999





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## CHOWAN COUNTY CENTER STUDENTS



Mable Armstead



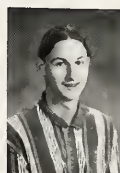
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Mark Cooper



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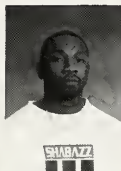
Walter Gillespie



David Harrell



Tina Harrell



Dywone Holley



Travis Jennings



Juan Jordan



Allen Melton



Chris Mize



James Petty



Salina Rutter



Mike Santana



Kurt Schuettinger



Blake Stapleion



Tanuny Umphlett



Torrea White



Brenda Cross and Helen Beasley look over the schedule for the day.



Edna Spear and Lisa McConaughy enjoy an end of year BBQ for students and staff.



Sarah Beasley is joined by a proud daughter  
And sister on her graduation day. Way to go Sarah!



Vicki Plummer greets the folks in the learning center with a smile.



Students enjoy a "Welcome Back" lunch With Dr. McKay.



Derrick Rouson and Melissa Walker deliver food to the Edenton-Chowan food pantry.



Alicia Mercer proposes a toast at the holiday party.

Manjulea Patel and Tina Harrel celebrate the season.



Charles Johnson serenades students and Staff with Christmas carols.



Scarlett Lane shows some of the toys and books collected for needy children at Christmas.





Dean Lynn Hurdle- Winslow welcomes students back to COA for the Fall 99 semester.



A continuing education graduation ceremony is held at Captain Bob's. Susan Schmidt receives her certificate from Lynn Hurdle-Winslow While Captain Bob stands watch.



At Dr. McKay's installation, the Chowan staff are happy to join in the Celebration. L-R: Shirley Blount, Brenda Cross, Lynn Hurdle-Winslow.



Shirley Blount



Ethel Copeland



Lynn Hurdle-Winslow



Robert Jordan



Nancy Semones



Doris Skinner



John Smith



Deborah Warner-Green

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### COA Chowan County Center

#### Highlights of the year

- Edenton-Chowan school system and COA Chowan Center have joined forces to offer courses in computer engineering technology and network technology.
- Volunteerism and service to others have been recurring themes this year.
- A variety of workshops have been held for students.
- COA Chowan Center continues to expand the opportunities available to students CLOSE TO HOME.

Hard at work in the CISCO networking lab

Students and staff enjoy a pizza party after donating food to the Edenton-Chowan food pantry.



The faculty and staff at the Chowan Center Celebrating simply being together.

Students who attended orientation had fun AND won prizes!





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