

Modern regional technology training center now in operation

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Members of the Northeast Regional Economic Development Commission participate in a computer class held at the new technology training center.



Featuring a state-of-the-art classroom equipped with 24 high-speed, multimedia computers and a video/data projector connected to the instructor's workstation, the regional training center, conveniently located in the lower level of Thomas Cafeteria, recently opened its doors. Designed to enhance the teaching of computing courses for faculty and staff and utilize off-hours in the telemarketing headquarters, the center is available for regional camps and conferences.

Linked to the new campus-wide fiber optic network, each workstation provides users with access to a Windows 95 operating system; M-S Office word processing, database, spreadsheet and presentation software; and Netscape Navigator Internet software for accessing the World Wide Web.

The new facility was employed recently by the Northeast Regional Economic Development Commission. Twenty-six professional economic developers and key administrative assistants were trained in software utilization and effective use of computers. The group has already opted to utilize the facility once a month for the next year. Area teachers and administrators, bank employees, businesses in the area and the North Carolina Teacher Academy have all expressed interest in training at the center.

Career Center provides clues for "Life after Chowan"

The bright red brochure reads, "Welcome to the Chowan College Career Center" followed by a smiling face. Career Center supervisor, Candice Whichard, wears a smiling face, too.

Long before school began this fall, Whichard, along with Linda Tripp, director of counseling and career development, began assembling a laboratory of multimedia computers, the latest in software and video equipment for the new center in Penny Hall.

With three individual workstations, the center allows students to discover and define career paths, determine jobs relating to interests and abilities, explore characteristics and requirements of specific occupations and develop plans to enter the occupation of their choice.

Many useful sources of information can be found among resource materials on various majors and careers, interview tips, cover letters, resumes, the value of the Internet, networking, job hunting, internships and graduate schools. In addition to computers, videos, cassette tapes and magazines.

The Career Center also offers a variety of free pamphlets, job applications, magazines and test booklets for the GRE, TOEFL, VCAT, PCAT, AHPAT, SAT I & SAT II.

According to Tripp, the new center is already serving many individual students per day, not including class groups, and quickly outgrowing its boundaries. Tripp adds that she would like to add 4 additional workstations in the near future.



Student assistant, Ayrao West '00 (left) and Candice Whichard, career center supervisor (right) assist Angela Lowery '97 with resume resources in the new Penny Hall Career Center.

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