

Chowan's  
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mandatory beginning  
September 22

#### **Chowan Singers tour**

After an eight-year touring hiatus, twenty-one members of the Chowan Singers, along with faculty members Dennis McIntire and Carole Nicholson, performed ten concerts in eight days during a recent tour of churches in Virginia and North Carolina. A wide variety of music featured soloists Antuan Hawkins '98, Meg Jackson '98, Kate Green '01 and organist Allyson Shaner '98.

#### **Education majors honored**

Eddie Davis of the North Carolina State Board of Education and Monty Coggins, the 1997-98 North Carolina Teacher of the Year, addressed a large gathering of Chowan College student teachers and their public school cooperating teachers in February. The annual workshop/banquet is held to honor active student teachers and express the college's appreciation to the superintendents, principals and teachers participating in the teacher training program's host schools.

#### **Alpha Chi prize**

Visual arts major Jessica Britt '99, of Sunbury, N.C., won honors for her presentation at the regional convention of the Alpha Chi National Honorary Society held in Montgomery, Al., April 2-5. Netting one of only two \$1,000 regional scholarship prizes was an impressive achievement, not only for Britt, but for the newly-formed Chowan chapter. Britt's "Picking Up the Pieces: Rebellion Against the Ideal of the Broken Venus," was accompanied by a slide presentation focusing on four of her original art works.



SGA President  
Laura Allgood '98  
presents a check for  
\$308 to Habitat  
for Humanity  
representative  
Barbara Smith.  
The donation  
represents proceeds  
from the winter  
Snowball dance.

## college offers first undergraduate research conference

*internationally-known biologist presents keynote address*

Dr. Patricia Tester, a research fishery biologist from the National Marine Fisheries Service in Beaufort, N.C., NOAA, presented the keynote address at the first annual Chowan College Undergraduate Research Conference on Friday, April 24.

The conference was co-sponsored by the departments of biology and psychology.

Speaking on the hot topic in eastern North Carolina and Virginia, Tester presented "The Pflagellate with the Pfunny Name: What's All the Pfuss about Pfiesteria?" in Tyler Auditorium.

Tester, whose research efforts have focused on phytoplankton-zooplankton interactions and effects of toxic or harmful phytoplankton on the marine food web, has worked with international research groups in the northern Adriatic Sea and serves on state, federal and international advisory committees (ICES) on toxic/harmful phytoplankton blooms and phycotoxins and public health.

The biologist, who holds her Ph.D. from the School of Oceanography, Oregon State University, has authored more than fifty published works, is an adjunct faculty member with the Department of Oceanography at Old Dominion University and serves on graduate student committees at North Carolina State University, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and Duke University.



Dr. Patricia Tester



As a result of the research initiated by Tester and the NMFS Beaufort Laboratory staff during the 1989-88 Red Tide bloom off North Carolina, the need for real-time satellite imagery of coastal waters was clearly demonstrated and a COASTWATCH program was instituted with NOAA. The program provides sea surface temperature imagery to a series of "nodes" throughout the coastal regions of the U.S., Alaska and Hawaii for use by NOAA laboratories and collaborating researchers. In addition, red tide testimony presented to the Small Business Administration helped change the definition of "disaster" to include

red tides, allowing the SBA to render assistance when "customary fishing waters are closed due to red tides."

Tester's morning address was followed by biology and psychology undergraduate presentations including platform lectures and poster demonstrations by sixteen students.

"Comparison of Water Column Copper Concentrations Due to Resuspension of Different Copper Amended Sediments" by Carlton Modlin '98 and "Adsorption and Absorption of Lead by Common Plant Materials" by Dale Stonerod, Jr. '98 received first and second place honors respectively in poster demonstrations. "The Effects of Female Removal on the Paternal Behavior of Male Convict Cichlids" by Tracey Fowler '98 and "Sunlight, Color, and Communication in Northern Mockingbirds" by Angel Damian '98 captured first and second place respectively in platform lectures.

Presentation judges included Ronald Blackmon, chair of the biology department at Elizabeth City State University, Bob Bray, a member of the oceanography department at Old Dominion University, Harold Burkett, head biologist at Union Camp Corporation, Franklin, Va., and Carol O'Dell a member of the math department at Elizabeth City State University.