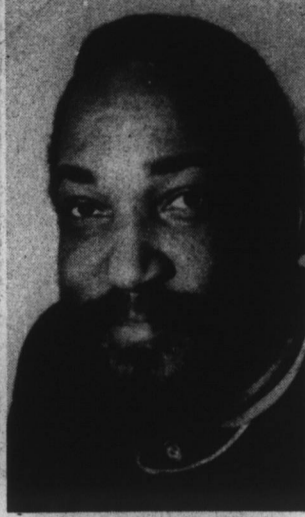


Alexander Heads Program

A former youth work experience program director for Harlem high school dropouts has been employed by College of The Albemarle to coordinate a new program for disadvantaged students.

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will initiate the Bridges Program, a Human Resources Development look-alike plan which has the goal of preparing disadvantaged students for additional education or job training.

It is funded by a CETA Title II, Governor's Special Project Award grant. The program will be conducted under the auspices of COA's Continuing Education Division.

Alexander said his first concern will be to assemble a staff. The program will use the services of three part-time employees, including an instructor, a counselor, and a secretary.

The coordinator explained that the program will consist of three, eight-week cycles, with a total of 15 students in each segment.

He said students who are engaged in on-going CETA programs within COA's service area will be selected to participate.

The first cycle will begin February 1, 1982. A completion date of September 30 has been established for the program.

Three main objectives have been set. The first is directed toward leading students who have not completed high school to

enroll in the college's General Education Development (GED) program. And those who show potential for further vocational training or regular college work will be encouraged to pursue those ends, Alexander said.

He emphasized that the main thrust of the Bridges Program will be to develop employment-positive attitudes through individual orientation and personal development. Testing and counseling services are designed to assist students to establish clear job goals, based on each individual's potential.

Clayton Morrisette, continuing education director, said Alexander has accumulated an impressive list of teaching and administrative credits. His classroom experience ranges from kindergarten through the college graduate level, Morrisette said, and he has administered several innovative educational programs.

Alexander is a 1967, graduate from Norfolk State University with a bachelor's degree in sociology. He earned his master of science degree in education from Bank Street College of Education in New York City in 1971, and received a second master's degree and his doctorate from Teacher's College at Columbia University.

Since 1967, Alexander has been engaged in a number of post graduate studies in both the United States and abroad. He participated in summer studies at universities in three African nations as well as a study tour of Russia.

He is the author of numerous published articles, and has received a number of awards in recognition of his leadership and community service activities.

Alexander resides in Chesapeake, Va., with his wife, Barbara, who taught business education at COA during the 1977-78 academic year. The couple are the parents of four children.



GRANT ANNOUNCED — Dr. J. Parker Chesson, Jr., College of The Albemarle president, and J. Stanley Peel, vice president and city executive at Wachovia Bank and Trust Company's Elizabeth City office, discuss the benefits to be gained from the \$250,000 Wachovia Technical Scholarship Program endowment which was initiated throughout the state's community college system today. COA will be one of 37 institutions to receive an annual grant for technical students. (COA Photo)

Mrs. Nellie Dowd, 80, Taken In Death

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Mrs. Nellie Griffin Dowd, 80, of Springfield, Mass., mother of the late Larry M. Dowd of Edenton, died Friday in a Springfield hospital.

A native of Ireland, she

was the widow of Timothy Dowd and was a Catholic. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Cecilia O'Shea of Chicopee, Mass.; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jennette Dowd of Edenton; and nine grandchildren,

four of whom live in the Edenton area.

A funeral mass was celebrated Monday at 10 A.M. in Springfield.

Information was supplied by Swindell-Bass Funeral Home.

Christmas Concert Slated

The John A. Holmes High School Music Department will present its annual Christmas Concert on December 17th at 7:30 P. M. in the Holmes auditorium. Performing at the concert will be the Concert Band and four choral groups: Mixed Treble Ensemble, and Concert Choir. Admission will be one dollar for adults and fifty cents for children and students. Please make plans to attend and support your local school Music Department.

Name Omitted From Report

Four local youths were given suspended sentences in Chowan County District Court on the charge of firelighting deer. Judge Richard Parker of Manteo sentenced each to 90 days, suspended for two years upon payment of \$250 fine and costs. They were ordered not to go hunting in 1981 and 1982. Among those involved in the case was William Alfred Whichard, Jr., whose name was accidentally omitted from the story which appeared in the December 10 edition of The Chowan Herald.

COA Sharing Endowment

College of The Albemarle will be one of 37 institutions in the state's community college system to share a \$250,000 endowment to support scholarships for technical training which was established Friday by Wachovia Bank and Trust Company.

Announcement of the gift, a first in the system's history, was made simultaneously by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. at Forsyth Technical Institute in Winston-Salem, and J. Stanley Peel, Wachovia vice president and city executive in Elizabeth City.

"For more than 20 years, College of The Albemarle has aggressively served the technical and job-training needs of Pasquotank citizens as well as those in six neighboring Albemarle Area counties," Peel said this morning. "Being a participant in the Wachovia Technical Scholarship Program will allow the college to meet these needs more fully."

He said income from the \$250,000 grant will provide 50 scholarships, valued at \$500 each, for the 37 schools in the bank's service areas.

Thirteen remaining scholarships will be allocated according to enrollment in technical training programs at the participating institutions.

Peel explained that one of the primary considerations of his firm in initiating the gift is its concern over the problem of unemployment and underemployment in North Carolina.

"It became apparent to Wachovia that many desirable jobs are going unfilled because there are not enough people with the necessary technical skills," he said. "On the other hand, the state has a unique system of community colleges and technical institutes which are eager and prepared to train people to fill these jobs."

The first scholarship will be awarded in the fall of 1982, to a second-year student enrolled in one of the right technical programs offered at COA. The \$500 grant is anticipated to cover the cost of tuition, books, and transportation.

Students will be selected on the basis of need and individual performance during their first year of

training. A committee composed of Andrew H. Williams, current COA board chairman, Peel, and one area citizen to be named by them, will determine the recipient of the scholarship. Dr. J. Parker Chesson, Jr., COA president, will serve as ex-officio member.

At a news conference in Winston-Salem this morning, Gov. Hunt said, "This statewide scholarship program will give a significant boost to our high-skill training efforts. Wachovia is to be commended for making it possible for more students to earn degrees in technical fields."

Hunt said the establishment of the financial assistance program is "exactly the kind of help our community colleges need from the business community as they train more citizens for the high-paying jobs we are bringing to the state."



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