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The most important goal of the Multi-Cultural Association is a combination of service to WCC minority students, the community, and the development of leadership for the future.

Monthly meetings are the second Tuesday of each month. For more information contact Janice Fields ext. 739 or Norma Dawson ext. 725.

Criminal Justice Club

By MITCHELL PHILLIPS and MICHAEL HALL

The 15-20 of the Justice Club, established in 2000, meet monthly under the leadership of Jennifer Worrell, president; Melissa Seaberry, vice-president; Kathy Bass, secretary; Shalonds Stubbs, treasurer; and co-advisers Dwight Morrissey and Duane Everhart, instructors in the Criminal justice Technology program from which students earn the associate in applied science degree. Dues are \$12 a semester.

Activities club members are involved in include a drawing for a Thanksgiving basket, the maintenance of a portion of Wayne Memorial Drive through the adopt-a-Highway Program, assistance with WCC's golf tournament and Basic Law Enforcement Training graduation, and the sale of shopping tickets at Belk's to benefit the student scholarship program of the Foundation of WCC.

A major project at the start of the semester centered on the Day of Caring and Remembrance. Criminal Justice club members collected more than 300 items to distribute to the American Red Cross, The Lighthouse, and to the Boys and Girls Club of Mount Olive. In addition, members presented a program about trespassing and basic safety to the children. In conjunction with the observance in downtown Goldsboro, club members served as information specialists. Earlier in the summer they helped with groundbreaking ceremonies for the new childcare center at WCC on Aug 2.

Fund-raisers helped to send an advisor, a member and an officer to the Southern Criminal Justice Association meeting in Clearwater, Fla., on Sept 25. Participants attended workshops and seminars about issues in the criminal justice field.

Co-op thrives for 20 years

By ANNIE HUDSON and LISA M. LEE

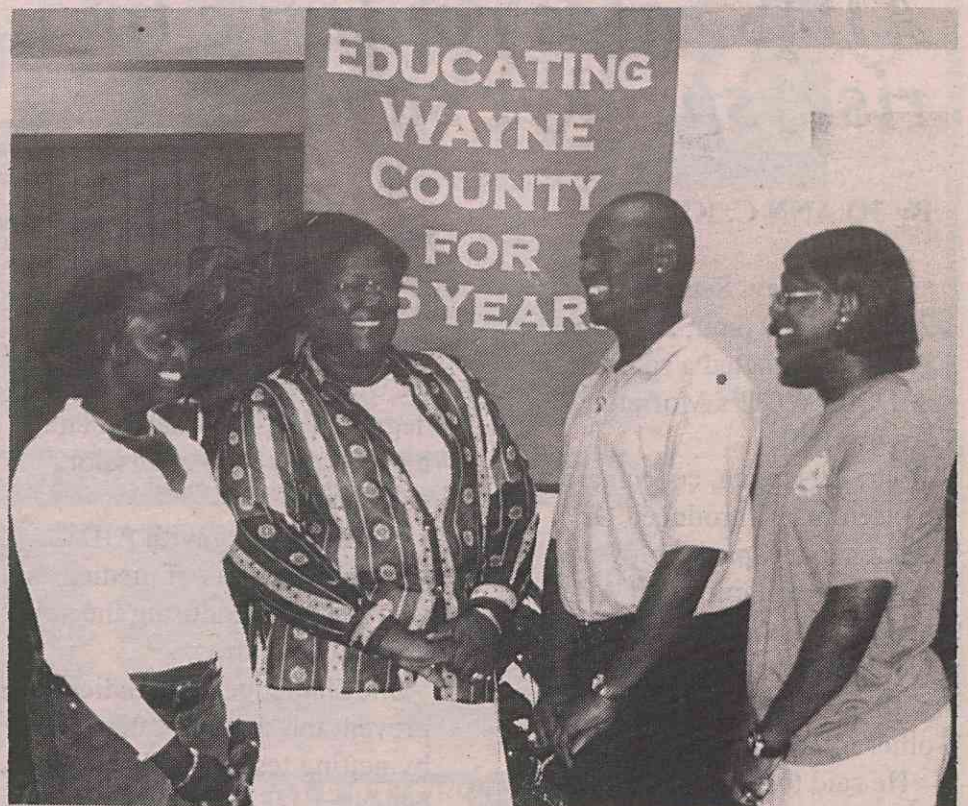
Cooperative Education is an academic program designed to give the student valuable work experience while still attending college.

Students blend classroom theories into practice as they spend 1 or more semesters in a company or organization related to their area of study or career goals.

Students have to complete one semester before taking co-op, said Anne Millington, Director of Cooperative Programs.

While 25 technology programs participate in the Co-op program, only 12 require it for graduation: Agribusiness, Automotive Systems, Business Administration/Marketing and Retailing, Early Childhood Associate, Healthcare Management Human Service, / Substance Abuse, Livestock and Poultry, Livestock and Poultry /Poultry Management, Park Ranger, Turf grass Management, and Welding.

Benefits for students in Job Co-op is that it offers hands-on work experience, creates financial earnings, adds relevance to classroom instruction, earns academic credit, increases marketability upon graduation, and advances maturity and skills in human relations, Millington said.



MCAE officers for 2002-2003: (l to r): LaTaunya Lee, secretary; Diane Combs, assistant secretary; Amahad James, vice-president; and Brandy Barnes, president. PHOTO: LORETTA WASHBURN

Employers provide cost-effective recruitment and training to regularly available skilled and semi-skilled students. It also provides an excellent source of temporary and potential permanent employees and frees high-salaried professionals from time-consuming but essential tasks.

Co-op allows faculty to keep abreast of the latest developments and innovations in the various fields.

Millington said there is a higher graduation rate for co-op students statewide. Some program participating businesses offer students full-time employment after graduation.

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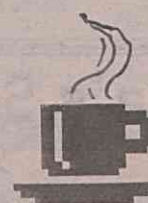
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