



## Advice Overload

The State Advisory Council on Vocational Education is nothing if not advisory. Meeting regularly at various locations across the state, it hands down a consistent volume of suggestions and counsel that in turn generates at least an equal volume of paperwork from responding agencies.

Meeting recently in Burlington, the council took formal action on 31 motions covering a wide range of subjects, including one recommending that the State Community College Board re-establish its own advisory council.

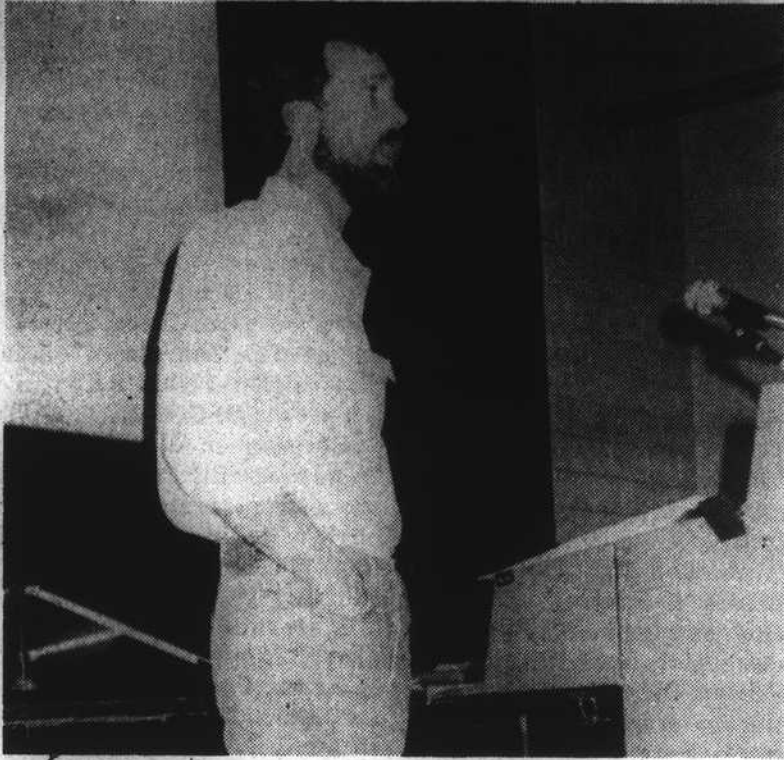
But the council reached its highwater mark at the Burlington meeting when it considered a motion recommending that "the Governor request the General Assembly to enact legislation that would assign the functions of the State Board of Community Colleges and the (UNC) Board of Governors to the State Board of Education and for the State Board of Education to hold full-time, state-paid positions."

Happily for all concerned, this motion was held for further study.

That is not to suggest, however, that the State Advisory Council on Vocational Education does not occasionally come up with recommendations that make sense. We concur in at least two passed at the Burlington meeting.

The council recommended that the State Board of Education review all vocational teacher education programs and professional certification procedures and that the UNC Board of Governors and the State Board of Community Colleges assist with the effort to the end that "no later than the fall of 1993 the SBE will be in the position to implement consistent standards of employment that, as a minimum, will require all prospective teachers to complete an approved degree pro-

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**CONCERNED FISHERMAN**-Rod Cross told an audience at the John A. Holmes auditorium last Thursday evening of his concerns about the deterioration of water quality in the Chowan River and Albemarle Sound. He said that a declining fish population is directly related to the poor water quality conditions.

## Council Approves New Boundaries

After lengthy discussion concerning guidelines to be used in issuing or denying certificates of appropriateness for changes to buildings in the historic district, the Edenton Town Council passed a resolution extending the boundaries of the district.

The Edenton Historic District now includes all the area encompassed by the historic district on the National Register of Historic Places. The area is from Granville to Oakum Streets from the waterfront to Gale Street and with an extension along Broad Street.

Bill Turpin, chairman of the Historic District Commission and councilman Livingstone Goodman, who worked with the commission, fielded questions concerning the guidelines.

Councilman Willis Privott addressed Goodman with, "I notice that there are a lot of sun decks being built around town. Are they going to be

eliminated?"

Goodman replied, "I'd think you'd be dealing with historically significant houses." He recalled a specific incident where a deck in back didn't affect the frontal appearance of the house. Mayor John Dowd added, "I can't see any difference between swimming pools and decks."

Councilwoman Marina Crumme expressed concern for middle and lower income homeowners that couldn't afford historically correct changes to their houses such as special cornices.

Turpin replied, "If you don't want to do it, you don't have to do it. Nobody's going to be compelled to do something that they can't afford. We're not trying to force anyone to do anything. They (guidelines) do not have the force of law."

By observing the guidelines however, the historic

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## Sound, River Discussed Residents Speak Out

By JACK GROVE

Local residents got a better idea last Thursday night of the plight facing one of the area's greatest resources, our waterways, at a meeting conducted by the state Division of Marine Fisheries. The meeting was arranged by Rod Cross, a local commercial fisherman, who is gravely concerned about water pollution.

Cross, in an opening statement, said "Right now, in the Albemarle Sound, that water is just about the nastiest I've ever seen it." And of the Chowan River, "Last summer our river went green again and we just didn't see the fish." He referred to blue-green algae that occurs when nutrients are introduced into the river by industries and farm run off during periods of dry weather.

The fisherman told the audience, "I'm disturbed about

the message we're sending to our leaders in Raleigh. He said that water quality studies have been conducted for the last 15 years. "We've studied it and studied it. The only change is that the studies are getting more expensive."

On the positive side, he praised the Best Management Practices program that provides financial incentives to farmers to control farm runoff of pesticides, herbicides and other farm chemicals and animal wastes. "It's probably the most positive action that's being taken to clean up our waters."

Cross proposed that an environmental protection group be formed locally and announced a fish fry at the Advance Community Center to further discuss the proposal. He said Wednesday that the Tuesday night dinner attracted 49 people who decided to have an organizational meeting of a formal group in the latter part of March.

All persons interested in joining the, as yet, unnamed organization are invited to call the Murray Nixon Fishery at 221-4115 to leave their name and number.

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## Help Is Needed

An appeal has been issued for local residents to participate in a Volunteer Workday on Saturday, February 27 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at Edenton's Waterfront Park.

Volunteers are needed to help move ballast stones as the piling goes down. Anyone who can is asked to bring a wheelbarrow with them when they come.



**CAMPAIGNS**-Mrs. Karen Rand campaigned for her husband, Sen. Tony Rand, in Edenton last week. Rand is a candidate for the office of Lt. Governor. Shown with Mrs. Rand (right) at the Golden Corral are (from left) Dr. Candace Corson, Dabney Lassiter of Rocky Mount, campaign volunteer and Jane Mabry, Chowan campaign chairwoman.

## Sen. Rand Seeks Local Support

A husband and wife team made separate trips to Edenton this week and last to seek support for Democrat Tony Rand's election bid for

lieutenant governor.

Mrs. Karen Rand met with supporters at the Golden Corral last Thursday afternoon. She is a first grade teacher in the Cumberland County schools and has taken a year's leave of absence to assist her husband's campaign.

Mrs. Rand was here to listen as well as answer questions about the campaign. "Tony and I both want to understand the concerns of the state and I want to know the needs and concerns of your community," she said.

Rand, a Fayetteville attorney, is chairman of the state senate's powerful Appropriations Base Budget Committee and was elected Senate Majority Leader in January of last year. He has been a member of the senate since 1981.

Mrs. Rand made a special revision of her schedule to remain in Edenton Thursday evening to attend a meeting on water resources sponsored by the N.C. Marine Fisheries Division. She heard of the threat posed to the Albemarle Sound and Chowan River by pollution and the drastic reductions in fish harvests because of pollution.

Senator Rand made a change in his schedule to meet with teachers and school administrators early yesterday morning at the Travel Host Inn. This was a direct result of Mrs. Rand's trip here last week when she learned of the good things happening in local schools and especially the success of the Career Development Pilot Program here.

On a campaign swing through Edenton last fall,

Rand spoke of his disenchantment with the program and that the Career Ladder concept was especially intimidating to teachers due to the evaluation process. At that time, Schools Superintendent John Dunn attempted to correct some of the Senator's impressions but with little success.

Yesterday's visit was different. In first-hand conversation with 20 or more teachers and principals, he heard a success story in the four-year pilot program here.

In an interview afterward, Rand commented, "I'm extremely impressed by what I've learned here this morning." He said that he would have expected dissenters to come to such an early morning meeting. Instead, "This early in the morning I didn't

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## Campaign Continues

Due to the high number of responses received so far in the "Pride of Edenton and Chowan County" campaign, The Chowan Herald staff has elected to extend the deadline for nominations through Tuesday, March 15.

If you know of someone who has contributed significantly to the betterment of the community and would like to nominate him or her for this award, simply bring a brief explanation of why you feel they deserve to be nominated, along with a clear, good quality photograph of the nominee.

For further information, call the Herald's Associate Editor, Rebecca Bunch, at 482-4418.

## Talks May Lead To Increased Cooperation

Unofficial discussions have taken place between Edenton Mayor John Dowd and County Manager Cliff Copeland seeking ways to continue the cooperative efforts between the two administrations. Specifically, they are looking for ways to consolidate services for efficiency and tax savings.

The first effort in this direction took place last year when tax collections were consolidated with the county administering collections for both. The result has been an increase of three per cent in collections for the town while being billed at 1 1/2 for the service by the county according to Copeland.

An article in the Daily Advance reported that Dowd would appoint a task force to study combining services and a possible consolidation of both governing bodies.

Dowd said that the newspaper article was premature. "It was released before we were ready for it to be released." The subject has not been brought officially before the town council for discussion.

The mayor pointed out Wednesday morning that he had campaigned for office on the theme of cooperation between the two governments. He did not deny the accuracy of the story but emphasized,

"It's just a study. It's a great idea. It has a lot of merit and I'm going to push for it."

Dowd said that he expected that a task force would be jointly appointed by the town and county to determine

where consolidation of services could be implemented.

Copeland confirmed Wednesday that he had had informal talks with the mayor on the subject of possible consolidation. He said

that a standing committee existed that consists of two county commissioners, the county manager, the mayor and a councilman. This committee was set up to ex-

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## BPW Honors Evelyn B. Keeter

By PETE MANNING

Evelyn Bunch Keeter was named the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club's 1987 "Woman of the Year" at the organization's

annual Bosses' Night Banquet last Thursday evening. The event was held in the Fellowship Hall of Edenton United Methodist Church.

This was the thirty-seventh

year the award has been presented by the BPW to a woman for "outstanding service dedicated to making our community a place of which to be proud."

Mrs. Keeter, a native of Chowan County, is married to Fred E. Keeter. They are the parents of five children: Debbie, Susie, Karen, Robert and John. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Bunch, Sr.

Beginning as a bookkeeper with Peoples Bank in November 1956, she rose through the ranks of teller, operations, and now holds the title of Assistant Vice President and Cashier.

She is a member of the National Association of Bank Women and Edenton Baptist Church where she participates in the church choir, serves as co-chairman of the E.L. Wells Scholarship Fund, and has served in numerous church committees.

Now serving as Treasurer of the County Unit of the American Heart Association, Keeter is also a member of the

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**WOMAN OF THE YEAR**-Evelyn Bunch Keeter was named Edenton BPW's 1987 Woman of the Year at the annual Bosses' Night Banquet last Thursday night. Mrs. Keeter (left) received the award from the 1986 recipient, Clara Boswell. Hazel Elliott, Director of Social Services, at right (inset) was named Boss of the Year. Making the presentation was Marina Crumme.