

Poet laureate is invited to visit

The Friends of the Library have become an integral part of library services in our community.

The group now sends a quarterly newsletter, staffs book sales, helps fund adult programs, leads the monthly book discussion group, prepares and serves refreshments, and maintains a North Carolina file. The Friends also purchase equipment for the library such as paperback and audiotape racks, venetian blinds, computers and furniture, and recently a collection of audiotape and book kits for early readers through middle school.

The recent membership drive was our most successful to date and we thank all of you for your support, both with membership and participation throughout the year. Looking forward, the Friends have invited North Carolina's poet laureate, Fred Chappell, to visit Edenton and are working hard to make that event a reality.

Surrender, Dorothy by Meg Wolitzer is the story of surviving young and senseless death. A young, vibrant woman is killed while summering with friends on Long Island. Her mother and her friends find a spark missing from their lives



Rosalie Boyd

as their relationships alter and reform during the process of grieving.

The Tower and the Hive by Anne McCaffrey takes place in a time when planets are colonized by humans who sometimes co-exist and sometimes clash with other races such as the telepathic Rowans and the predatory Hivers.

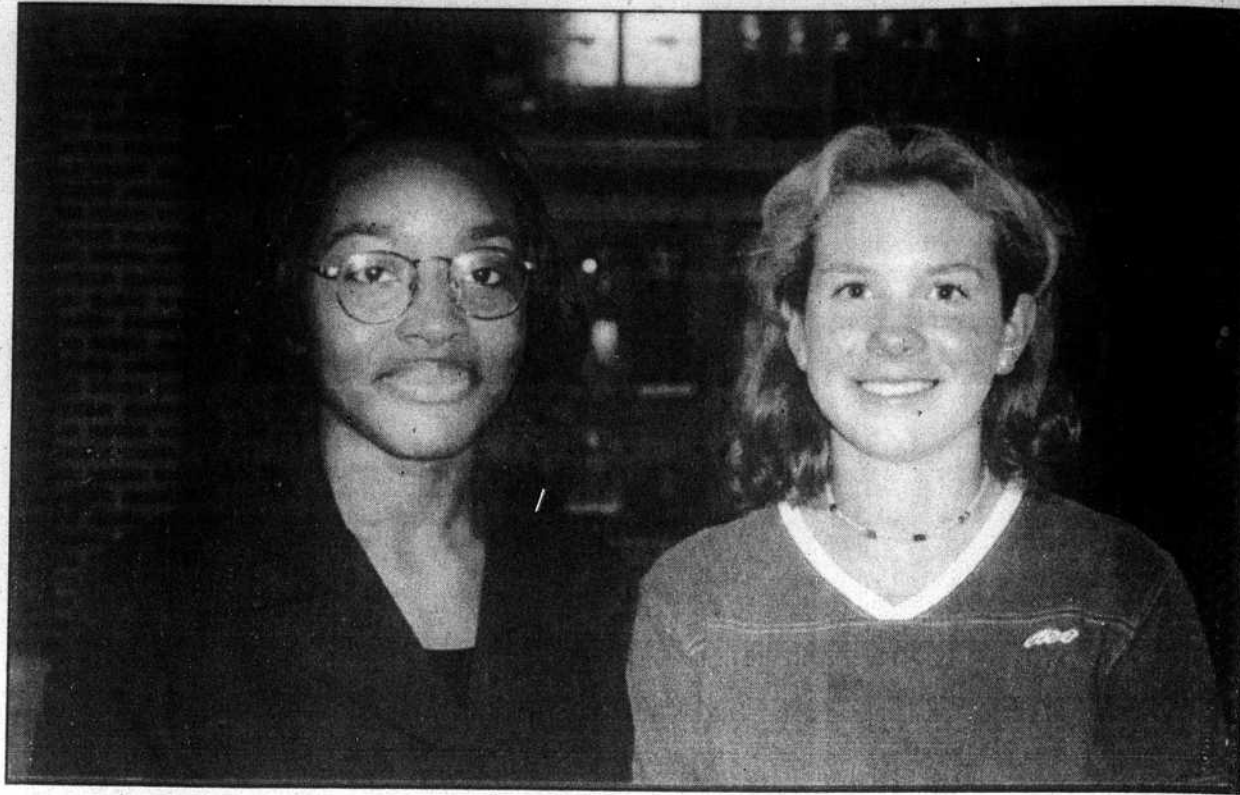
Two mysteries from veteran writers: From Marcia Muller, *A Walk Through the Fire* takes Sharon McCone to Hawaii where the sabotage of a film production is carried to a deadly extreme. From Dorothy Cannell, *The Trouble with Harriet* is launched when our main character encounters an exceedingly accurate gypsy fortune teller. Shortly afterwards her long-lost father ap-

pears, bereaved and carrying the ashes of his late, lamented lady friend, Harriet. Then Harriet's ashes disappear, and other weird events hearken back to the gypsy's predictions.

Romance abounds in *Some Distant Shore* by Lynn Erickson (a nurse from Boston falls in love with a British pilot who is wounded in France; *Don't Look Behind You* by Marilyn Ross (a young wife becomes suspicious that her husband killed his first wife), *Raging Rivers* by Taylor Brady (a woman faces many setbacks as she heads westward on the American frontier).

An unlikely assassin, a sixty-something grandma type, is wreaking havoc with the peace process in Northern Ireland, prompting both the British prime minister and the American president to send their best operatives out. *The White House Connection* promises to be another first-class espionage tale from best-selling author and Belfast native, Jack Higgins.

A new video, *As Good As It Gets*, stars Jack Nicholson as a nasty obsessive-compulsive who writes romance novels.



TOP STUDENTS AT J.A. HOLMES HIGH SCHOOL

John A. Holmes High School's top students in the Class of 1999 are Shante Blount and LeAnne Spruill. Blount, at left, is this year's Valedictorian. She plans to attend East Carolina University and major in Chemistry and Pre-Medicine. She is the daughter of Dawn and Rodney Smith of Edenton. Spruill, at right, is this year's Salutatorian. She plans to attend NC State University and major in Teacher Education. She is the daughter of David and Debra Spruill of Edenton.

Job Service releases recent figures

BY RICKY COLTRAIN
Manager
Edenton Job Services Office

During the month of April, the Edenton Employment Security Commission (Job Service) placed 54 individual in jobs and during the same period of time the Edenton office processed 295 applications for employment.

Since the beginning of the program year, July 1, 1998, the office has placed 547 individuals in jobs and has processed



3,317 applications for employment.

In addition, 15 individuals obtained employment as a result of other services provided by Job Service and seven indi-

viduals were referred to other agencies for services Job Service is unable to provide.

The unemployment rate for Chowan County is 3.2%, compared with a statewide rate of 3.1%.

The primary mission of the Edenton Job Service office is to take applications for employment from job seekers and job orders from employers and then refer the best qualified applicants available for each job opening.

Anyone seeking employment is encouraged to come in to the office and register for employment and/or utilize the self-service Job Information System (JIS). Upon registering for work, applicants can utilize the toll-free Jobs Line (1-800-768-5627) and can call Tuesday through Saturday between the hours of 6 a.m. and midnight for information on available job openings.

Employers may call 482-2195 or fax 482-2188 to list available job openings and receive screening and referral services.

The Edenton Job Service office is located at 1316-C North Broad Street, and is open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. All services are provided free of charge.

Writing workshops scheduled

College of the Albemarle's Continuing Education Division will offer "Writing Workshop: Advanced Plotting," beginning in June.

The class, which will be taught by author Dana Hay, will meet Mondays, June 7 through July 19, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., in room C-150 at the Elizabeth City campus.

The cost of this class is \$30 and there is a \$10 book fee. A social security number is needed to register.

Also in June, COA's Con.Ed. Division will offer "Writing Workshop: The Mystery of Good Writing," taught by Dana Hay.

The class will meet June 9 through July 14, from 1:30-4:30 p.m., in room C-150 at the Elizabeth City campus.

There is also a \$30 class fee and \$10 book fee for this class. And, a social security number is required to register.

For more information about either of these classes, call the COA Continuing Education Division at 335-0821, ext. 2250.

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