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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF

GASTON COLLEGE

DALLAS, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

The Honorable Michael F. Easley, Governor
The General Assembly of North Carolina
Board of Trustees, Gaston College

This report presents the results of our financial statement audit of Gaston College, a component unit of the State of North Carolina, for the year ended June 30, 2001. Our audit was made by authority of Article 5A of G.S. §147.

The accounts and operations of the College are an integral part of the State's reporting entity represented in the State's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)* and the State's *Single Audit Report*. In those reports, the State Auditor expresses an opinion on the State's financial statements. In the *Single Audit Report*, the State Auditor also presents the audit results on the State's internal controls and on the State's compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to the State's financial statements and to its federal financial assistance programs.

As part of the audit work necessary for the CAFR and the *Single Audit Report*, the accounts and operations of the College were subject to audit procedures as we considered necessary. In addition, we performed auditing procedures that we considered necessary for us to report on the accompanying financial statements and supplementary information that relate solely to Gaston College. The audit procedures were conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The purpose of this report is to present the results of our audit on the accompanying financial statements that relate solely to Gaston College. A summary of our reporting objectives and audit results are:

- 1. Objective** - Express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements and supplementary information that relate solely to Gaston College.

Results - The accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the amounts and disclosures made in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The accompanying supplementary information presents information that is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements.

AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL (CONCLUDED)

2. **Objective** - Present instances of noncompliance, if any, with laws, regulations, contracts, or grants.

Results - Our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance which require disclosure herein under *Government Auditing Standards*.

3. **Objective** - Present significant deficiencies, if any, in internal control over financial reporting which could adversely affect the College's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data in the financial statements.

Results - Our tests disclosed no material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting which require disclosure herein under *Government Auditing Standards*.

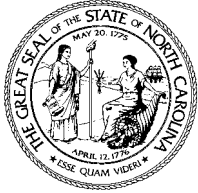
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees
Gaston College
Dallas, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying Balance Sheet of Gaston College, a component unit of the State of North Carolina, as of June 30, 2001, and the related Statement of Changes in Fund Equity and Statement of Current Funds Revenues, Expenditures, and Other Changes for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the College's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Gaston College as of June 30, 2001, and the changes in fund equity and the current funds revenues, expenditures, and other changes for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 12A to the financial statements, the College changed its method of accounting for securities lending transactions allocated from the State Treasurer's Cash and Investment Pool during the year ended June 30, 2001. As discussed in Note 12B to the financial statements, the College implemented Governmental Accounting Standard Board, Statement #33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*, during the year ended June 30, 2001.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONCLUDED)

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 17, 2002 on our consideration of the College's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with the independent auditor's report in considering the results of our audit.

Schedule 1 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Ralph Campbell, Jr.
State Auditor

June 17, 2002

***Gaston College
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2001***

Exhibit A

	Current Funds			Fiduciary Funds		Plant Funds	
	Unrestricted			Endowment	Agency	Unexpended	Investment in Plant
	General	Proprietary	Restricted				
<i>ASSETS</i>							
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 293,566.98	\$ 580,022.17	\$ 60,409.40	\$ 1,151,006.56	\$ 29,161.66	\$ 164,927.90	\$ 0.00
Investments	114,520.00			29,394.77		221,200.00	
Receivables:							
Accounts Receivable (Net)	273,774.58	186,437.99	60,085.20			52,518.00	
Intergovernmental Receivables			14,061.92			36,303.27	
Interest Receivable	882.55	128.77	4,351.07			588.62	
Due from Other Funds		41,004.99			750.00		
Due from Primary Government						58,509.06	
Inventories	20,553.41	246,328.57					
Fixed Assets (Note 4)							33,877,329.00
Total Assets	\$ 703,297.52	\$ 1,053,922.49	\$ 138,907.59	\$ 1,180,401.33	\$ 29,911.66	\$ 534,046.85	\$ 33,877,329.00

**Gaston College
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2001**

**Exhibit A
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	Current Funds			Fiduciary Funds		Plant Funds	
	Unrestricted		Restricted	Endowment	Agency	Unexpended	Investment in Plant
	General	Proprietary					
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities:							
Accounts Payable	\$ 372,288.84	\$ 39,861.55	\$ 1,148.58	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 73,671.16	\$ 0.00
Accrued Payroll	139,455.98	21,817.68					
Intergovernmental Payables					2,419.92		
Due to Other Funds	41,754.99						
Accrued Vacation Leave	380,332.93	35,133.74					
Deferred Revenue		5,188.00	137,759.01				
Funds Held for Others	9,880.36				27,491.74		
Total Liabilities	943,713.10	102,000.97	138,907.59		29,911.66	73,671.16	
Fund Equity:							
Net Investment in Plant							33,877,329.00
Fund Balances:							
Restricted:							
Endowment				741,999.99			
Term Endowment				27,114.28			
Quasi-Endowment				401,287.06			
Other Restricted Funds						460,375.69	
Unrestricted:							
Quasi-Endowment				10,000.00			
Other Unrestricted Funds	(240,415.58)	951,921.52					
Total Fund Equity (Deficit)	(240,415.58)	951,921.52		1,180,401.33		460,375.69	33,877,329.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 703,297.52	\$ 1,053,922.49	\$ 138,907.59	\$ 1,180,401.33	\$ 29,911.66	\$ 534,046.85	\$ 33,877,329.00

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Gaston College
Statement of Changes in Fund Equity
Year Ended June 30, 2001

Exhibit B

	Current Funds			Fiduciary Funds	Plant Funds	
	Unrestricted			Endowment	Unexpended	Investment in Plant
	General	Proprietary	Restricted			
Revenues and Other Additions:						
Tuition and Fees	\$ 3,399,160.38	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
County Appropriations	2,689,557.00				475,972.50	
Federal Contracts and Grants	303,325.19		1,867,163.30		55,792.69	
State Contracts and Grants	12,791,491.22		3,000.00		838,522.16	
Nongovernmental Contracts and Grants	182,132.04		70,771.58	85,986.17	53,866.00	
Investment Income	34,979.32	32,348.68	7,447.29	3,338.62	4,021.86	
Endowment Income	736.48		63,309.88			
Sales and Services		2,832,257.24				
Expended for Plant Facilities						600,815.00
Other Revenues and Additions	201,159.00	6,943.16	26,043.10			
Total Revenues and Other Additions	19,602,540.63	2,871,549.08	2,037,735.15	89,324.79	1,428,175.21	600,815.00
Expenditures and Other Deductions:						
Educational and General	19,626,287.30	37,424.49	2,001,080.33			
Auxiliary Enterprises		2,441,479.84				
Internal Service Funds		286,319.47				
Indirect Costs Recovered			4,993.00			
Expended for Plant Facilities					1,372,822.23	
Disposal of Plant Facilities						99,158.00
Other Expenditures and Deductions					340,276.96	
Total Expenditures and Other Deductions	19,626,287.30	2,765,223.80	2,006,073.33		1,713,099.19	99,158.00
Transfers:						
Non-Mandatory Transfers In (Out)	55,785.09	(152,591.76)	(31,661.82)	31,372.82	97,095.67	
Net Increase (Decrease) for the Year	32,038.42	(46,266.48)		120,697.61	(187,828.31)	501,657.00
Fund Equity (Deficit) July 1, 2000	(263,932.15)	998,188.00	123,823.00	1,059,703.72	659,898.15	32,979,165.00
Prior Period Adjustments (Note 13)	(8,522.50)		(123,823.00)		(11,694.15)	396,507.00
Fund Equity (Deficit) June 30, 2001	\$ (240,416.23)	\$ 951,921.52	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,180,401.33	\$ 460,375.69	\$ 33,877,329.00

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Gaston College

**Statement of Current Funds Revenues, Expenditures, and Other Changes
Year Ended June 30, 2001, with comparative totals for 2000**

Exhibit C

	Unrestricted				Year Ended June 30,	
	General	Proprietary	Total	Restricted	2001	2000
Revenues:						
Tuition and Fees	\$ 3,399,160.38	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,399,160.38	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,399,160.38	\$ 3,209,521.19
County Appropriations	2,689,557.00		2,689,557.00		2,689,557.00	2,526,898.04
Federal Contracts and Grants	303,325.19		303,325.19	1,862,170.30	2,165,495.49	1,782,406.85
State Contracts and Grants	12,791,491.22		12,791,491.22	3,000.00	12,794,491.22	11,908,419.25
Nongovernmental Contracts and Grants	182,132.04		182,132.04		182,132.04	93,696.00
Gifts				70,771.58	70,771.58	3,386.89
Investment Income	34,979.32	32,348.68	67,328.00	7,447.29	74,775.29	78,431.22
Endowment Income	736.48		736.48	63,309.88	64,046.36	30,392.79
Sales and Services		2,832,257.24	2,832,257.24		2,832,257.24	2,466,077.59
Other Sources	201,159.00	6,943.16	208,102.16	26,043.10	234,145.26	256,359.15
Total Revenues	19,602,540.63	2,871,549.08	22,474,089.71	2,032,742.15	24,506,831.86	22,355,588.97
Expenditures:						
Educational and General:						
Instruction	11,070,293.85		11,070,293.85	57,917.24	11,128,211.09	11,572,947.16
Academic Support	1,762,567.29		1,762,567.29		1,762,567.29	382,676.59
Student Services	921,070.43	36,776.71	957,847.14		957,847.14	1,050,971.00
Institutional Support	3,050,746.83		3,050,746.83	51,654.93	3,102,401.76	2,978,681.90
Plant Maintenance and Operations	2,176,538.44		2,176,538.44		2,176,538.44	2,034,607.73
Student Financial Aid	645,070.46	647.78	645,718.24	1,891,508.16	2,537,226.40	1,972,429.59
Auxiliary Enterprises		2,441,479.84	2,441,479.84		2,441,479.84	2,433,956.30
Internal Service Funds		286,319.47	286,319.47		286,319.47	258,342.92
Total Expenditures	19,626,287.30	2,765,223.80	22,391,511.10	2,001,080.33	24,392,591.43	22,684,613.19
Transfers:						
Non-Mandatory Transfers In (Out)	55,785.09	(152,591.76)	(96,806.67)	(31,861.82)	(128,468.49)	3,632.00
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fund Equity	\$ 32,038.42	\$ (46,266.48)	\$ (14,228.06)	\$ 0.00	\$ (14,228.06)	\$ (325,392.22)

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

GASTON COLLEGE
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2001

NOTE 1 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- A. Financial Reporting Entity** - The concept underlying the definition of the financial reporting entity is that elected officials are accountable to their constituents for their actions. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial reporting entity includes both the primary government and all of its component units. An organization other than a primary government serves as a nucleus for a reporting entity when it issues separate financial statements. Gaston College is a component unit of the North Carolina Community College System which is a part of the primary government of the State of North Carolina and an integral part of the State's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.

The accompanying financial statements present all funds of the College and component units for which the College's Board of Trustees is financially accountable. Although legally separate, Gaston College Foundation is reported as if it were part of the College.

The Foundation is governed by a nine-member board consisting of nine elected directors. The Foundation's purpose is to aid, support, and promote teaching, research and service in the various educational, scientific, scholarly, professional, artistic and creative endeavors of the College. Because the elected directors of the Foundation are appointed by the members of the Gaston College Board of Trustees and the Foundation's sole purpose is to benefit Gaston College, its financial statements have been blended with those of the College.

Separate financial statements for the Foundation may be obtained from the College Controller's Office, 201 Highway 321 South, Dallas, NC 28034-1499, or by calling (704) 922-6413. Other related foundations and similar non-profit corporations for which the College is not financially accountable are not part of the accompanying financial statements.

- B. Basis of Presentation** - The accompanying financial statements are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable to governmental colleges and universities as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). In accordance with GASB Statement #15, *Governmental College and University Accounting and Financial Reporting Models*, the

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

College has elected to follow the fund accounting and reporting guidelines set forth by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in its Industry Audit Guide, *Audits of Colleges and Universities*.

- C. Fund Structure** - The accompanying financial statements are structured into three categories of funds: Current, Fiduciary, and Plant Funds.

The **Current Funds** are used to account for the revenues and expenditures resulting from operations, with the Unrestricted Funds and Restricted Fund shown separately. The Restricted Fund represents resources that are restricted to use by either an outside donor or grantor. Current funds that are internally designated for specific purposes by the governing board or management having delegated authority are reported as Unrestricted Funds. The Unrestricted Proprietary Fund reflecting the operations of the bookstore, other auxiliary enterprises, internal service funds and student activity funds is shown separately from the Unrestricted General Fund.

The **Fiduciary Funds** are used to account for additions to and deductions from fund equity of the Endowment Fund. In addition, the Fiduciary Funds are used to account for funds of students and organizations held by the College as custodian in the Agency Fund. The transactions of the Agency Fund increase and decrease assets and liabilities but do not effect fund equity. As a result, the Agency Fund is not reflected in the Statement of Changes in Fund Equity.

The **Plant Funds** are used to account for additions to and deductions from fund equity of the Unexpended Plant Fund and the Investment in Plant Fund.

- D. Basis of Accounting** - The financial statements of the College have been prepared on the accrual basis except that, in accordance with accounting practices customarily followed by public educational institutions, no provision is made for depreciation of physical plant assets, interest on loans to students is recorded when collected, and revenue from tuition and student fees for summer sessions is reported totally within the fiscal year in which the session is primarily conducted. Otherwise, revenues are recorded when earned and expenditures are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the College receives value without directly giving equal value in exchange, include grants, state and county appropriations, and private donations. On an accrual basis, revenues from these transactions are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements (resource provider conditions) have been satisfied, if measurable and probable of collection.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Statement of Current Funds Revenues, Expenditures, and Other Changes is a statement of financial activities of current funds related to the current reporting period. It does not purport to present the results of operations or the net income or loss for the period as would a statement of income or a statement of revenues and expenses.

- E. Cash and Cash Equivalents** - In addition to cash on deposit with private bank accounts and petty cash, this classification includes short-term investments with the State Treasurer's Cash and Investment Pool (a governmental external investment pool).
- F. Investments** - This classification includes equity investments. These investments are reported at fair value for year-end financial reporting purposes. Fair value is the amount at which an investment could be exchanged between two willing parties. Fair value for financial reporting purposes is based on quoted market prices. The net increase (decrease) in the fair value of investments is recognized as a part of investment income.
- G. Receivables and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts** – Accounts receivable in the Unrestricted General Fund, the Unrestricted Proprietary Fund, and the Restricted Fund are shown in the accompanying financial statements net of allowances for doubtful accounts of \$68,281.00, \$16,220.00, and \$407.00, respectively. The accounts receivable in the Unexpended Plant Funds are shown at book value with no provision for doubtful accounts considered necessary.
- H. Inventories** - Inventories held by the College are priced at the lower of cost or market value using the first-in, first-out method. The inventories for the Unrestricted General Fund consist of expendable supplies, postage and fuel oil held for consumption. Inventories for the Unrestricted Proprietary Fund consist of textbooks and other merchandise for resale.
- I. Fixed Assets and Depreciation** – Fixed Assets are stated at cost at date of acquisition or fair market value at date of donation in the case of gifts. The College capitalizes fixed assets that have a value or cost in excess of \$5,000 at the date of acquisition and an expected useful life of one or more years. Depreciation is not recorded.

To the extent that current funds are used to finance plant assets, the amounts provided are accounted for as expenditures, in the case of normal replacement of furniture and movable equipment; and transfers of a non-mandatory nature for all other cases.

Fixed assets, such as roads, parking lots, decks, sidewalks, and other non-building structures and improvements are capitalized as infrastructure.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- J. Vacation and Sick Leave** - The College's policy is to record the cost of vacation leave when earned. The policy provides for a maximum accumulation of unused vacation leave of 30 days which can be carried forward each January 1st or for which an employee can be paid upon termination of employment. Also, any accumulated vacation leave in excess of 30 days at year-end is converted to sick leave. Under this policy, the accumulated vacation leave for each employee at June 30th equals the leave carried forward at the previous December 31st plus the leave earned, less the leave taken between January 1st and June 30th.

The College has the policy of recording the cost of sick leave when taken and paid rather than when the leave is earned. The policy provides for unlimited accumulation of sick leave, but the employee cannot be compensated for any unused sick leave upon termination of employment.

- K. Revenue Recognition** - Current Funds revenues, as reflected on Exhibit C include all exchange and non-exchange transactions earned and in which all eligibility requirements (resource provider conditions) have been satisfied, if measurable and probable of collection.

Tuition remission and waivers are recorded as "Tuition and Fees" revenue and as "Student Financial Aid" expenditures on the accompanying financial statements.

- L. Endowment Investment Return** - Investments of the College's endowment funds are separately invested. Investment return of the College's endowment funds is predicated under classical trust doctrines. Unless the donor has stipulated otherwise, capital gains and losses are accounted for as part of the true endowment principal and are not available for expenditure.

Endowments are classified as either "true" or "quasi". True endowments are funds that the donor has specified, as a condition of the gift, that the principal be maintained indefinitely. Quasi-endowments are funds on which there is no such restriction placed by the donor. For classification purposes, the net change in fair value of investments is classified as true endowment or, if stipulated by the donor, as quasi-endowment.

- M. County Appropriations** - County Appropriations are provided to the College primarily to fund its plant operation and maintenance function (county current fund) and to fund construction projects, motor vehicles and maintenance equipment (county plant fund). Unexpended county current funds and county plant funds do not revert and are available for future use as approved by the county commissioners.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

A. Deposits - All funds of the College are deposited in board-designated official depositories and are required to be collateralized in accordance with G.S. § 115D-58.7. Official depositories may be established with any bank or savings and loan association whose principal office is located in North Carolina or with the State Treasurer’s Cash and Investment Pool. Also, the College may establish time deposit accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. At year-end, cash on hand was \$2,234.00. The carrying amount of cash on deposit was \$2,276,860.67 and the bank balance was \$2,348,617.52.

The North Carolina Administrative Code (20 NCAC 7) requires all depositories to collateralize public deposits in excess of federal depository insurance coverage by using one of two methods, dedicated or pooled. Under the dedicated method, a separate escrow account is established by each depository in the name of each local governmental unit and the responsibility of monitoring collateralization rests with the local unit. Under the pooling method, each depository establishes an escrow account in the name of the State Treasurer to secure all of its public deposits. This method shifts the monitoring responsibility from the local unit to the State Treasurer.

Cash on deposit at year end consisted of the following:

	<u>Book Balance</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
Cash on Deposit with State Treasurer	\$ 1,425,987.81	\$ 1,425,987.81
Cash on Deposit with Private Financial Institutions	<u>850,872.86</u>	<u>922,629.71</u>
	<u>\$ 2,276,860.67</u>	<u>\$ 2,348,617.52</u>

The cash on deposit with the State Treasurer is pooled with state agencies and similar institutions in short-term investments with the State Treasurer’s Cash and Investment Pool. These moneys are invested in accordance with G.S. § 147-69.1(c) and 147-69.2, and as required by law are “readily convertible into cash.” All investments of the fund are held either by the Department of State Treasurer or its agent in the State’s name. The fund’s uninvested cash is either covered by federal depository insurance or, pursuant to 20 NCAC 7, is collateralized under either the dedicated or pooling method.

The financial statements and disclosures for the State Treasurer’s Cash and Investment Pool are included in the State of North Carolina’s *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. An electronic version of this report is available by accessing the North Carolina Office of the State Controller’s Internet home page <http://www.osc.state.nc.us/> and clicking

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

on “Financial Reports”, or by calling the State Controller’s Financial Reporting Section at (919) 981-5454.

Of the cash on deposit with private financial institutions at June 30, 2001, \$204,230.92 of the bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance, \$718,398.79 was covered by collateral held by an authorized escrow agent in the name of the State Treasurer (pooling method).

- B. Investments** – Generally, funds belonging to the College may be invested in the form of investments pursuant to General Statute 159-30(c), as follows: Obligations of or fully guaranteed by the United States; obligations of the State of North Carolina; bonds and notes of any North Carolina local government or public authority; obligations of certain non-guaranteed federal agencies; prime quality commercial paper bearing specified ratings and banker’s acceptances; The North Carolina Cash Management Trust, an SEC registered mutual fund; repurchase agreements; evidences of ownership of, or fractional undivided interests in, future interest and principal payments on either direct obligations of or fully guaranteed by the United States government, which are held by a specified bank or trust company or any state in the capacity.

Investments of the College’s component unit, the Foundation, are subject to and restricted by General Statute 36B “Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act” (UMIFA) and any requirements placed on them by contract or donor agreements.

The College’s investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the College. The credit risk categories are concerned with custodial credit risk, which is the risk that a government will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party if the counterparty to the investment transaction fails. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the College or its agent in the College’s name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by a counterparty’s trust department or agent in the College’s name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer, or by a counterparty’s trust department or agent, but not in the College’s name.

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A summary of the College's investments at June 30, 2001 is presented below:

	Fair Value			Total
	Risk Category			
	1	2	3	
Investments Categorized:				
Corporate Stock	\$ 346,576.25	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 346,576.25
Investments Not Categorized:				
Life Insurance Policy-CSV				18,538.52
Total Investments				<u>\$ 365,114.77</u>

C. Non-Current Funds Gains and Losses on Investments – The net change in fair value of investments is recorded as part of “Investment Income” on the accompanying financial statements. The additions and deductions to the non-current fund's fund equity resulting from the net change in fair value of investments follow:

	Net Unrealized Gains/Losses	Net Change in Fair Value
Current Unrestricted Fund	\$ 6,664.60	\$ 6,664.60
Unexpended Plant Fund	(7,175.00)	(7,175.00)

NOTE 3 - INTER-FUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Due From/To Other Funds as of June 30, 2001 are summarized below:

Due From	Due To		Total Due From
	Proprietary Fund	Agency Fund	
Unrestricted General	\$ 41,004.99	\$ 750.00	\$ 41,754.99

These inter-fund receivables and payables are expected to be paid back during the next fiscal year at no interest.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 4 - CHANGES IN FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in the fixed assets is presented as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2000	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2001
Land	\$ 804,319.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 804,319.00
Buildings	23,540,653.00	265,448.00		23,806,101.00
Infrastructure	1,227,531.00		72,806.00	1,154,725.00
Leasehold Improvements	4,079,290.00			4,079,290.00
Furniture, Machinery and Equipment	2,483,387.00	260,612.00	20,212.00	2,723,787.00
Artwork, Artifacts and Literature	1,240,492.00	43,103.00	6,140.00	1,277,455.00
Construction in Progress		31,652.00		31,652.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 33,375,672.00	\$ 600,815.00	\$ 99,158.00	\$ 33,877,329.00

NOTE 5 - OPERATING LEASES

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable operating leases consist of the following at June 30, 2001:

Fiscal Year	Amount
2002	\$ 123,029.00
2003	123,029.00
2004	123,029.00
2005	66,525.00
2006	6,266.00
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$ 441,878.00

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$120,536.42.

NOTE 6 - COMMUNITY COLLEGE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

The 1999-2000 Session of the General Assembly of North Carolina authorized the issuance of six hundred million dollars of general obligation bonds of the State, as subsequently approved by a vote of qualified voters of the State, to provide funds for capital improvements for the North Carolina Community College System. The funds authorized are to be used solely to construct new buildings and to renovate and modernize existing buildings on the North Carolina Community College System campuses. The bond legislation specifies the amount of bond funding for each College campus as well as the intended amount for new construction and repair and replacement. The legislation further provides that the State Board of Community Colleges shall be responsible for the approval of projects in accordance with provisions of the legislation. The bonds are authorized to be issued over a six-year period beginning in 2001 at a level not to exceed amounts provided in the legislation.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Using a cash flow financing approach, The Community College System's Office (CCSO), establishes annual amounts not to exceed for each approved project. The amounts not to exceed are subject to change due to actual cash availability and needs during the year. Subsequent to the bond sales and the availability of bond proceeds, CCSO notifies the Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) of the amount not to exceed for the total of the approved projects. Within this amount, based on an official request of cash needs from the State Board of Community Colleges, OSBM authorizes allotments. These allotments are then recorded to specific community college allotment accounts by the CCSO. The College records the allotments as revenue on the accompanying financial statements. In addition, amounts not allotted but accrued as expended at year-end are recorded as revenue. The College's remaining authorization \$9,616,683.00 is contingent on future bond sales and CCSO allotment approval. Because of uncertainty and time restrictions the remaining authorization is not recorded as an asset or revenue on the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The College is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and the destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These exposures to loss are handled via a combination of methods, including participation in various state-administered risk pools, purchase of commercial insurance, and self-retention of certain risks.

Tort claims of up to \$500,000 are self-insured under the authority of the State Tort Claims Act. In addition, the State provides excess liability coverage up to \$11,000,000 for public officers and employees via contract with a private insurance company. The premium, based on a composite rate, is paid by the North Carolina Community College System Office to the State's Agent of Record.

Fire and other property losses are covered by contracts with private insurance companies. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

State-owned vehicles used for instructional purposes are covered by liability insurance handled by the State Department of Insurance. Liability insurance for other college-owned vehicles are covered by contracts with private insurance companies.

The College is protected for losses from employee dishonesty and computer fraud for employees paid in whole or in part from State funds. The blanket honesty bond is with a private insurance company and is handled by the North

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Carolina Department of Insurance with coverage of \$5,000,000 per occurrence and a \$50,000 deductible. Losses from employee dishonesty and computer fraud for employees paid from County and Institutional Funds are covered by a private company policy with coverage of \$100,000 per occurrence and a \$250 deductible.

Employees and retirees are provided health care coverage by the Comprehensive Major Medical Plan, a component unit of the State. The Plan is funded by employer and employee contributions and is administered by a third party contractor. Health care coverage is optionally available through contractual agreements with several HMO plans.

The State Board of Community Colleges makes the necessary arrangements to carry out the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act which are applicable to employees whose wages are paid in whole or in part from State funds. The College purchases workers' compensation insurance for employees whose salaries or wages are paid by the board entirely from County or Institutional Funds.

Term life insurance of \$25,000 to \$50,000 is provided to eligible workers. The death benefit program is administered by the State Treasurer's Office and funded via employer contributions.

Additional details on the state-administered risk management programs are disclosed in the State's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*, issued by the Office of the State Controller.

NOTE 8 - DEFICIT FUND BALANCE

The deficit fund balance in the Current Unrestricted General Fund is attributable to the College adjusting its cash basis records to the accrual basis of accounting as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In accordance with GAAP, receivables were not recognized for liabilities associated with future period appropriations or certifications.

As required by G.S. 115D-31 and 115D-32, the State Board of Community Colleges and the associated local tax-levying authority(s) are responsible for supporting the financial needs of the College. This support is authorized on a cash basis through an annual appropriation or certification process for a specified fiscal year period. While GAAP prohibits the College from recording receivables from future period authorizations, the College will continue to receive, as provided by law, sufficient support for its financial needs.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 9 - PENSION PLANS

- A. **Retirement Plans** - Each permanent full-time employee, as a condition of employment, is a member of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. The Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (System) is a multiple-employer cost sharing defined benefit pension plan administered by the North Carolina State Treasurer.

After five years of creditable service, members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System qualify for a vested deferred benefit. Employees who retire on or after age 65 and complete 5 years of membership service (age 55 and 5 years of creditable service for law enforcement officers), reach age 60 with 25 years of membership service, or complete 30 years of creditable service receive a retirement allowance of 1.81% of an average final compensation (based on the 4 consecutive years that produce the highest average) multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Employees may retire with reduced benefits if they reach age 50 with 20 years of creditable service or reach age 60 with 5 years of creditable service (age 50 with 15 years creditable service for law enforcement officers).

Benefit and contribution provisions for the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System are established by North Carolina General Statute 135-5 and 135-8 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Employer and member contribution rates are set each year by the North Carolina General Assembly based on annual actuarial valuations. For the year ended June 30, 2001, these rates were set at 5.33% of covered payroll for employers and 6% of covered payroll for members.

For the year ended June 30, 2001, the College had a total payroll of \$14,214,174.03 of which \$11,473,708.76 was covered under the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. Total employee and employer contributions for pension benefits for the year were \$688,423.00 and \$611,549.00, respectively. The College made one hundred percent of its annual required contributions for the years ended June 30, 2001, 2000, and 1999, which were \$611,549.00, \$857,467.00, and \$716,245.00, respectively.

In accordance with constitutional provisions requiring a balanced budget for the State of North Carolina, the Governor issued an executive order requiring the employers' share of retirement contributions for the months February 2001 through June 2001 be transferred to a reserve account rather than paid to the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. A portion of those funds was ultimately used by the State of

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

North Carolina for general fund purposes and not released to the retirement system. The total amount of employer contributions paid by the College has been recognized as pension costs in the financial statements. The contributions which were not released to the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System are considered immaterial to the College's financial statements taken as a whole. The College has no liability for pension costs beyond the contributions already made.

The Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System's financial information is included in the State of North Carolina's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*. An electronic version of this report is available by accessing the North Carolina Office of the State Controller's Internet home page <http://www.osc.state.nc.us/> and clicking on "Financial Reports", or by calling the State Controller's Financial Reporting Section at (919) 981-5454.

B. Deferred Compensation and Supplemental Retirement Income Plans

IRC Section 401(k) Plan - All members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System are eligible to enroll in the Supplemental Retirement Income Plan, a defined contribution plan, created under Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k). All costs of administering the plan are the responsibility of the plan participants. No costs are incurred by the College except for a 5% employer contribution for the College's law enforcement officers which is mandated under General Statute 143-163.30(e). Total employer contributions on behalf of College law enforcement officers for the year ended June 30, 2001 were \$5,544.70. The voluntary contributions by employees amounted to \$111,297.00 for the year ended June 30, 2001.

IRC Section 403(b) and 403(b)(7) Plans - All College employees can participate in tax sheltered annuity plans created under Internal Revenue Code Sections 403(b) and 403(b)(7). The employee's eligible contributions, made through salary reduction agreements, are exempt from federal and state income taxes until the annuity is received or the contributions are withdrawn. These plans are exclusively for employees of colleges and certain charitable and other non-profit institutions. All costs of administering and funding these plans are the responsibility of the Plan participants. No costs are incurred by the College. The voluntary contributions by employees amounted to \$110,820.82 for the year ended June 30, 2001.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 10 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

- A. Health Care for Long-Term Disability Beneficiaries and Retirees -** The College participates in state administered programs which provide postemployment health insurance to eligible former employees. Eligible former employees include long-term disability beneficiaries of the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina, and retirees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. These benefits were established by Chapter 135, Article 3, Part 3, of the General Statutes and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Funding for the health care benefit for long-term disability beneficiaries and retirees is financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. The College contributed 1.28% of the covered payroll under the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System for these health care benefits. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, the College's total contribution to the Plan was \$146,863.47. The College assumes no liability for retiree health care benefits provided by the programs other than its required contribution. Additional detailed information about these programs can be located in the State of North Carolina's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.
- B. Long-Term Disability -** The College participates in the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC). Established by Chapter 135, Article 6, of the General Statutes, DIPNC provides short-term and long-term disability benefits to eligible members of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. Long-term disability income benefits are advance funded on an actuarially determined basis using the one-year term cost method. The College contributes .52% of covered payroll under the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System to the DIPNC. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, the College's total contribution to the DIPNC was \$59,663.29. The College assumes no liability for long-term disability benefits under the plan other than its contribution. Additional detailed information about the DIPNC is disclosed in the State of North Carolina's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report*.

NOTE 11 - PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

The College has pledges receivable in the amount of \$69,311.00 Pledges that are expected to be collected and available for expenditure, that are both verifiable and measurable, are reported on the accompanying financial statements as part of accounts receivable. The pledges are receivable annually over varying time periods ranging from one to five years. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America the original amount pledged has been discounted based on a projected interest rate for the outstanding periods. Due to the nature of the donor organizations, the

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

College considers these pledges to be collectible. Scheduled receipts and the discounted amount under these pledge commitments are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2002	\$ 41,384.00
2003	20,000.00
2004	8,000.00
2005	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Pledge Receipts Expected	\$ 71,884.00
Discount Amount Representing Interest (4.50% Rate of Interest)	<u>2,573.00</u>
Present Value of Pledge Receipts Expected	<u><u>\$ 69,311.00</u></u>

Pledges not available for expenditure, such as additions to permanent endowments, are not recorded until received because the donor condition not to expend cannot start to be satisfied until received.

NOTE 12 - ACCOUNTING CHANGES

- A. Securities Lending Transactions** - The College deposits certain funds with the State Treasurer's Cash and Investment Pool, which participates in securities lending activities. In prior years it was the State's policy to allocate the risk associated with these transactions to each component unit. For the year ending June 30, 2001, the State changed its policy, as a result of discussion with the GASB technical staff, to report the associated risk as part of the State of North Carolina's fiduciary funds rather than to allocate the risk to component units. The effect of this change removes from the College issued financial statements the assets and liabilities associated with the State Treasurer's security lending program. This change does not affect the College's beginning fund equities.
- B. Governmental Accounting Standard Board, Statement #33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions** - Effective July 1, 2000, the College implemented the new accounting and reporting standards required in GASB #33. This standard provides accounting rules over non-exchange transactions and changes the College's standards for the recognition of revenues and the reporting of funds received but not earned in the College's restricted fund. In prior years, the College reported funds received but not expended in its restricted fund as an addition to fund equity. Based on this new standard,

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONCLUDED)

revenues are recognized when earned and when the resource provider's conditions have been satisfied. Amounts received not meeting the recognition requirements are now reported as deferred revenue. In addition, the new standard requires promises to give (pledges) that are expected to be collected and available for expenditure, and that are verifiable and measurable, be recorded as a receivable and revenue, upon satisfying the resource provider's conditions. Prior to this year, pledges were not recorded as a receivable unless there was a legally enforceable right. The effect of implementing this standard increased the beginning unrestricted general and increased restricted fund balances by \$12,475.50, \$123,823.00, and \$147,993.00, respectively.

NOTE 13 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

As of July 1, 2000, the fund equity of the various funds as previously reported was restated as follows:

Fund Group	To Restate Fund Equity as a Result of the Accounting Change for GASB #33	To Correct Other Errors in Reported Balances	Total Restatement to July 1, 2000 Fund Equity
Unrestricted Fund	\$ 12,475.50	\$ (20,998.00)	\$ (8,522.50)
Restricted Fund	(123,823.00)		(123,823.00)
Unexpended Plant Fund	147,993.00	(159,687.15)	(11,694.15)
Investment in Plant Fund		396,507.00	396,507.00

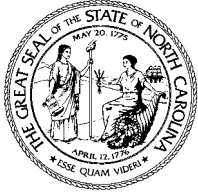
Gaston College

**Schedule of General Obligation Bond Project Authorizations, Budgets and Expenditures
For Project-to-Date as of June 30, 2001**

Schedule 1

Capital Improvement Projects	Projected Start Date	General Obligation Bonds Authorized	Other Sources	Total Project Budget	Amount Expended	Percent Completed	Expected Completion Date
<i>Projects Approved by the State Board</i>							
New Public Safety Building #1122	Jan 2001	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,500,000.00	\$ 0.00	0.00%	Mar 2003
<i>Projects Pending Approval by the State Board</i>							
Renovation - Block Gymnasium	Sep 2001	396,044.00		396,044.00			
Renovation - Comer Building - East	Sep 2001	1,100,000.00		1,100,000.00			
New Health Sciences Building	Jul 2003	4,989,955.00		4,989,955.00			
Renovation - Craig Building	Jan 2005	900,000.00		900,000.00			
Renovation - Beam Health Sciences Building	Jan 2005	730,684.00		730,684.00			
Total All Projects		\$ 9,616,683.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,616,683.00	\$ 0.00		

Note: The 1999-2000 Session of the General Assembly of North Carolina authorized the issuance of six hundred million dollars of general obligation bonds of the State, as subsequently approved by a vote of qualified voters of the State, to provide funds for capital improvements for the North Carolina Community College System. The projects listed on this schedule are those funded or to be funded by bond proceeds from the general obligation bonds authorized by Senate Bill 912.



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Trustees
Gaston College
Dallas, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of Gaston College, a component unit of the State of North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated June 17, 2002.

As discussed in Note 12A to the financial statements, the College changed its method of accounting for securities lending transactions allocated from the State Treasurer's Cash and Investment Pool during the year ended June 30, 2001. As discussed in Note 12B to the financial statements, the College implemented Governmental Accounting Standard Board, Statement #33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*, during the year ended June 30, 2001.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the College's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the College's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Trustees and the State Board of Community Colleges, management and staff of the College, the Governor, the State Controller, the General Assembly, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Ralph Campbell, Jr.
State Auditor

June 17, 2002

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