



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT REPORT OF ROANOKE-CHOWAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AHOSKIE, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002

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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

The Honorable Michael F. Easley, Governor
The General Assembly of North Carolina
Board of Trustees, Roanoke-Chowan Community College

This report presents the results of our financial statement audit of Roanoke-Chowan Community College, a component unit of the State of North Carolina, for the year ended June 30, 2002. Our audit was made by authority of Article 5A of Chapter 147 of the General Statutes.

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 subjected 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 that relate solely to Roanoke-Chowan Community 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 Roanoke-Chowan Community College. A summary of our reporting objectives and audit results is:

- 1. Objective** – To express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements that relate solely to Roanoke-Chowan Community 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. These matters are more fully described in the Independent Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements.

AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL (CONCLUDED)

2. **Objective** – To 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 and present instances of noncompliance, if any, with laws, regulations, contracts, or grants.

Results - The following findings represent significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, and finding number 1 also represents noncompliance with a General Statute:

Findings

1. Timely Completion of Annual Financial Statements
2. Internal Control Over Bank Reconciliations Needs Strengthening
3. Recording and Monitoring Capital Assets

These matters are described in the Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and the Audit Findings and Recommendations section of this report.

North Carolina General Statutes require the State Auditor to make audit reports available to the public. Copies of audit reports issued by the Office of the State Auditor may be obtained through one of the options listed in the back of this report.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees
Roanoke-Chowan Community College
Ahoskie, North Carolina

We have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Roanoke-Chowan Community College, a component unit of the State of North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, as listed in the table of contents. 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 Roanoke-Chowan Community College as of June 30, 2002, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 15 to the financial statements, the College implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for Public Colleges and Universities*, and GASB Statement No. 38, *Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures*, during the year ended June 30, 2002.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 19, 2003 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,

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONCLUDED)

contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) on pages 3 to 6 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. 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 by us in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, based on our audit is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Ralph Campbell, Jr.
State Auditor

August 19, 2003

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Overview of Financial Statements and Financial Analysis

Roanoke-Chowan Community College would like to present financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. This analysis will be for the current year while in the future the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) will include comparison between current year and the prior fiscal year's information.

There are three financial statements presented: Statement of Net Assets, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Change in Net Assets, and Statement of Cash Flows. This presentation of the College's financial statements provides an overview of the College's financial activities for the year.

Statement of Net Assets

The Statement of Net Assets presents assets, liabilities, and net assets of the College as a point in time for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002.

From the data presented, readers of the Statement of Net Assets (SNA) are able to determine the assets (current and noncurrent) available to continue the operations of the College along with how much the College owes vendors (current and noncurrent). Ultimately the SNA provides a snapshot of the net assets (assets minus liabilities) and their availability for expenditures by the College.

Net assets are divided into three major categories. The first category, invested in capital assets, net of related debt, provides the institution's equity in property, plant, and equipment owned by the institution. The next asset category is restricted net assets, which is divided into nonexpendable and expendable. The extent of nonexpendable restricted assets is only available for investment purposes, which the College has no holdings. Expendable restricted net assets are available for expenditures by the College but must be spent for purposes specified by an external entity that have placed restrictions on the use of the assets. The final category is unrestricted net assets, which are available to the College for any lawful purpose of the institution.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

**Roanoke-Chowan Community College
Condensed Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2002**

	<u>Amount</u>
Assets	
Current Assets	\$ 939,153.52
Noncurrent Assets	<u>7,936,054.06</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>8,875,207.58</u>
 Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	347,852.06
Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>185,678.18</u>
 Total Liabilities	 <u>533,530.24</u>
 Net Assets	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	7,933,684.79
Restricted	5,145.18
Unrestricted	<u>402,847.37</u>
 Total Net Assets	 <u>\$ 8,341,677.34</u>

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets

Changes in total net assets as presented on the SNA are based on activity offered in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets (SRECNA). The purpose of the Statement is to present the revenues of the College, including operating and nonoperating, and expenses, both operating and nonoperating.

Generally operating revenues are received for providing goods and services to various constituents of the College while operating expenses are expenses paid to acquire or produce those services to carry out the mission of the College for which we receive operating revenues. Nonoperating revenues are revenues received for which goods and services are not provided. State appropriations are considered nonoperating because they are provided by the Legislature without the Legislature directly receiving goods and services for those revenues.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

**Roanoke-Chowan Community College
Condensed Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002**

	<u>Amount</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 3,323,372.18
Operating Expenses	<u>8,091,242.14</u>
Operating Loss	(4,767,869.96)
Net Nonoperating Revenues	<u>5,394,711.58</u>
Income Before Other Revenues, Expenses, Gains, and Losses	626,841.62
State Capital Aid	<u>245,287.63</u>
Increase in Net Assets	872,129.25
Net Assets, July 1, 2001, as Restated	<u>7,469,548.09</u>
Net Assets, June 30, 2002	<u><u>\$ 8,341,677.34</u></u>

Statement of Cash Flows

The Statement of Cash Flows presents detailed information about the cash activity of the College during the year. The Statement is divided into the following five parts. Operating cash flows shows the net cash used by the operating activities of the College. The second section reflects cash flows received and spent for nonoperating purposes. The next section, cash flow from capital activities, reflects cash flows used for the acquisition and construction of capital and related items. The fourth section reflects investing activities. The last section of the Statement reconciles the net cash reflected on the SRECNA.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (CONCLUDED)

Roanoke-Chowan Community College Condensed Statement of Cash Flows For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002

	<u>Amount</u>
Cash Received (Expended) by:	
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	\$ (5,050,656.48)
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	5,788,576.59
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(774,778.92)
Investing Activities	<u>3,071.17</u>
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(33,787.64)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, July 1, 2001	<u>84,352.02</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2002	<u><u>\$ 50,564.38</u></u>

The Statement of Cash Flows shows cash received from operations and expenses which results in a loss until the cash flow from noncapital and capital activities shows a decrease in cash and cash equivalents for the year of \$33,787.64. This report will always show a negative in the net cash used by operating activities until all other financing is added.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

The College has incurred no significant changes in regards to capital assets, long-term debt, changes in credit rating, or debt limitations for the fiscal year June 30, 2002.

Economic Outlook

The State of North Carolina continues to experience down revenues and over realized receipts during this time of a sagging economy, resulting in enrollment growth at community colleges. The statewide cash shortage resulted in a large reduction in State aid for operating expenses. Balancing these issues has heavily weighed on the College. Otherwise we are not aware of any significant effects on the financial position of the College. We are anticipating the upcoming year to be very comparable to the last and will make every effort that the College continue to meet its goals and objectives.

Roanoke-Chowan Community College
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2002

Exhibit A

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	48,195.11
Receivables, Net (Note 3)		577,630.56
Due from Primary Government		185,520.00
Inventories		126,895.85
Notes Receivable, Net (Note 3)		912.00

Total Current Assets 939,153.52

Noncurrent Assets:

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents		2,369.27
Capital Assets, Net (Note 4)		7,933,684.79

Total Noncurrent Assets 7,936,054.06

Total Assets 8,875,207.58

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities (Note 5)		295,189.36
Due to State of North Carolina Component Units		1,074.57
Deferred Revenue		2,799.32
Funds Held for Others		2,369.27
Long-Term Liabilities - Current Portion (Note 6)		46,419.54

Total Current Liabilities 347,852.06

Noncurrent Liabilities:

Long-Term Liabilities (Note 6)		185,678.18
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Total Noncurrent Liabilities 185,678.18

Total Liabilities 533,530.24

NET ASSETS

Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt 7,933,684.79

Restricted for:

Expendable:

Scholarships and Fellowships		(4,542.25)
Loans		8,863.90
Capital Projects		823.53

Unrestricted 402,847.37

Total Net Assets \$ 8,341,677.34

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

Roanoke-Chowan Community College**Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets****For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002****Exhibit B**

REVENUES		
Operating Revenues:		
Student Tuition and Fees, Net (Note 8)	\$	993,225.60
Federal Grants and Contracts		1,946,677.09
State and Local Grants and Contracts		14,189.50
Sales and Services, Net (Note 8)		369,279.99
Total Operating Revenues		3,323,372.18
EXPENSES		
Operating Expenses:		
Personal Services		4,952,753.83
Supplies and Materials		934,154.44
Services		405,417.40
Scholarships and Fellowships		1,404,366.05
Utilities		206,946.35
Depreciation		187,604.07
Total Operating Expenses		8,091,242.14
Operating Loss		(4,767,869.96)
NONOPERATING REVENUES		
State Aid		4,779,523.17
County Appropriations		577,538.37
Noncapital Grants		9,900.00
Noncapital Gifts, Net (Note 8)		23,151.43
Investment Income, Net		3,071.17
Other Nonoperating Revenues		1,527.44
Net Nonoperating Revenues		5,394,711.58
Income Before Other Revenues, Expenses, Gains, and Losses		626,841.62
State Capital Aid		245,287.63
Increase in Net Assets		872,129.25
NET ASSETS		
Net Assets, July 1, 2001 as Restated		7,469,548.09
Net Assets, June 30, 2002	\$	8,341,677.34
The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.		

Roanoke-Chowan Community College		
Statement of Cash Flows		
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2002		Exhibit C
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Received from Customers	\$	2,990,865.06
Payments to Employees and Fringe Benefits		(5,023,466.74)
Payments to Vendors and Suppliers		(1,569,131.87)
Payments for Scholarships and Fellowships		(1,428,524.38)
Loans Issued to Students		(13,823.45)
Collection of Loans to Students		13,695.52
Other Payments		(20,270.62)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities		(5,050,656.48)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
State Aid Received		4,779,523.17
County Appropriations		577,538.37
Noncapital Grants Received		408,363.62
Noncapital Gifts and Endowments Received		23,151.43
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities		5,788,576.59
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
State Capital Aid Received		1,146,732.21
Acquisition and Construction of Capital Assets		(1,921,511.13)
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities		(774,778.92)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest on Investments		3,071.17
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities		3,071.17
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(33,787.64)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, July 1, 2001		84,352.02
Cash and Cash Equivalents, June 30, 2002	\$	50,564.38
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating Loss	\$	(4,767,869.96)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation Expense		187,604.07
Provision for Uncollectible Loans and Writeoffs		(784.07)
Miscellaneous Nonoperating Income		1,527.44
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
Receivables, Net		(377,493.66)
Inventories		10,045.00
Notes Receivable, Net		(127.93)
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities		(41,960.79)
Due to Primary Government		1,074.57
Funds Held for Others		(969.85)
Compensated Absences		(61,701.30)
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities	\$	(5,050,656.48)
NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Assets Acquired through Assumption of a Liability	\$	324,078.27
Decrease in Receivables Related to Nonoperating Income		(2,384,295.70)
The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.		

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2002

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. Roanoke-Chowan Community College is a component unit 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 for which the College's Board of Trustees is financially accountable. Related foundations and similar non-profit corporations for which the College is not financially accountable are not part of the accompanying financial statements. These entities are not included because they are separately incorporated and there are neither common directors nor other evidence of common control.

- B. Basis of Presentation** - The accompanying financial statements are presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Pursuant to the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for Public Colleges and Universities*, effective for the College's year ended June 30, 2002, the full scope of the College's activities is considered to be a single business-type activity (BTA) and accordingly, is reported within a single column in the basic financial statements.

- C. Basis of Accounting** - The financial statements of the College have been prepared using the economic resource measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when an obligation has been incurred. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 20, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*, the College does not apply Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements issued after November 30, 1989, for proprietary activities, unless the GASB amends its pronouncements to specifically adopt FASB pronouncements issued after that date.

- D. Cash and Cash Equivalents** – This classification appears on the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Cash Flows and includes undeposited receipts, petty cash, and cash on deposit with private bank accounts.
- E. Receivables** – Receivables consist of tuition and fees charges to students and charges for auxiliary enterprises' sales and services. Receivables also include amounts due from the federal government, State and local governments, private sources in connection with reimbursement of allowable expenditures made pursuant to contracts and grants, and pledges that are verifiable, measurable, and expected to be collected and available for expenditures for which the resource providers conditions have been satisfied. Receivables are recorded net of estimated uncollectible amounts.
- F. Inventories** – Inventories, consisting of expendable supplies and merchandise for resale, are stated at the lower of cost or market value using the first-in, first-out method.
- G. Capital Assets** – Capital assets are stated at cost at date of acquisition or fair value at date of donation in the case of gifts. The College capitalizes 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. Library books are expensed.
- Depreciation is computed using the straight-line and/or units of output method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally 15 to 40 years for general infrastructure, 20 to 40 years for buildings, and 5 to 15 years for equipment.
- H. Noncurrent Long-Term Liabilities** – Noncurrent long-term liabilities include compensated absences that will not be paid within the next fiscal year.
- I. Compensated Absences** - 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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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.

When classifying compensated absences into current and noncurrent, leave is considered taken using a last-in, first-out method.

J. Net Assets – The College’s net assets are classified as follows:

Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt – This represents the College’s total investment in capital assets, net of outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets.

Restricted Net Assets – Expendable – Expendable restricted net assets include resources for which the College is legally or contractually obligated to spend in accordance with restrictions imposed by external parties.

Unrestricted Net Assets – Unrestricted net assets include resources derived from student tuition and fees, sales and services, unrestricted gifts, and interest income.

Restricted and unrestricted resources are tracked using a fund accounting system and are spent in accordance with established fund authorities. Fund authorities provide rules for the fund activity and are separately established for restricted and unrestricted activities. When both restricted and unrestricted funds are available for expenditure, the decision for funding is transactional based within the departmental management system in place at the College.

K. Scholarship Discounts – Student tuition and fees revenues and certain other revenues from College charges are reported net of scholarship discounts in the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets. The scholarship discount is the difference between the actual charge for goods and services provided by the College and the amount that is paid by students or by third parties on the students’ behalf. Student financial assistance grants, such as Pell grants, and other federal, State or nongovernmental programs, are recorded as either operating or nonoperating revenues in the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets. To the extent that revenues from these programs are used to satisfy tuition, fees, and other charges, the College has recorded a scholarship discount.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

- L. Revenue and Expense Recognition** – The College presents its revenues and expenses as operating or nonoperating based on recognition definitions from GASB Statement No. 9, *Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust Funds and Governmental Entities That Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*. Operating activities are those activities that are necessary and essential to the mission of the College. Operating revenues include all charges to customers, grants received for student financial assistance, and interest earned on loans. Grants received for student financial assistance are considered operating revenues because they provide resources for student charges and such programs are necessary and essential to the mission of the College. Revenues from nonexchange transactions and State appropriations that represent subsidies or gifts to the College, as well as investment income, are considered nonoperating since these are either capital or noncapital financing or investing activities. Operating expenses are all expense transactions incurred other than those related to capital or noncapital financing or investing activities. Revenues received for capital financing activities, as well as related expenses, are considered neither operating nor nonoperating activities and are presented after nonoperating activities on the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets.
- M. County Appropriations** - County appropriations are provided to the College primarily to fund its plant operation and maintenance function and to fund construction projects, motor vehicle purchases, and maintenance of equipment. Unexpended county current appropriation and county capital appropriation do not revert and are available for future use by the College.

NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS

All funds of the College are deposited in board-designated official depositories and are required to be collateralized in accordance with General Statute 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. Also, the College may establish time deposit accounts, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. At year-end, cash on hand was \$1,000.00. The carrying amount of cash on deposit was \$49,564.38 and the bank balance was \$174,262.78. All of the cash on deposit was covered by federal depository insurance.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 3 - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at June 30, 2002 were as follows:

	<u>Gross Receivables</u>	<u>Less Allowance for Doubtful Accounts</u>	<u>Net Receivables</u>
Current Receivables:			
Students	\$ 436,410.93	\$ 0.00	\$ 436,410.93
Accounts	134,230.25		134,230.25
Intergovernmental	<u>192,509.38</u>		<u>192,509.38</u>
Total Current Receivables	<u>\$ 763,150.56</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 763,150.56</u>
Notes Receivable - Current	<u>\$ 15,148.64</u>	<u>\$ 14,236.64</u>	<u>\$ 912.00</u>

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	<u>Balance July 1, 2001</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2002</u>
Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable:				
Land	\$ 34,805.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 34,805.00
Construction in Progress	<u>3,644,452.23</u>	<u>1,707,943.83</u>	<u>568,135.08</u>	<u>4,784,260.98</u>
Total Capital Assets, Non-Depreciable	<u>3,679,257.23</u>	<u>1,707,943.83</u>	<u>568,135.08</u>	<u>4,819,065.98</u>
Capital Assets, Depreciable:				
Buildings	6,050,772.78			6,050,772.78
Machinery and Equipment	550,815.79	58,248.37		609,064.16
General Infrastructure	<u>13,786.31</u>			<u>13,786.31</u>
Total Capital Assets, Depreciable	<u>6,615,374.88</u>	<u>58,248.37</u>		<u>6,673,623.25</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Buildings	3,015,159.96	147,976.58		3,163,136.54
Machinery and Equipment	<u>356,240.41</u>	<u>39,627.49</u>		<u>395,867.90</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>3,371,400.37</u>	<u>187,604.07</u>		<u>3,559,004.44</u>
Total Capital Assets, Depreciable, Net	<u>3,243,974.51</u>	<u>(129,355.70)</u>		<u>3,114,618.81</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 6,923,231.74</u>	<u>\$ 1,578,588.13</u>	<u>\$ 568,135.08</u>	<u>\$ 7,933,684.79</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 5 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities at June 30, 2002 were as follows:

	Amount
Accounts Payable	\$ 20,420.14
Accrued Payroll	22,262.97
Contract Retainage	240,596.58
Other	11,909.67
Total Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 295,189.36

NOTE 6 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A summary of changes in the long-term liabilities is presented as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2001	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2002	Current Portion
Compensated Absences	\$ 293,799.02	\$ 21,898.70	\$ 83,600.00	\$ 232,097.72	\$ 46,419.54

NOTE 7 - LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable operating leases consist of the following at June 30, 2002:

Fiscal Year	Amount
2003	\$ 74,114
2004	45,719
2005	3,048
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$ 122,881

Rental expense for all operating leases during the year was \$53,685.06.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

NOTE 8 - REVENUES

A summary of eliminations and allowances by revenue classification is presented as follows:

	Gross Revenues	Less Scholarship Discounts	Net Revenues
Operating Revenues:			
Student Tuition and Fees	\$ 1,188,019.25	\$ 194,793.65	\$ 993,225.60
Sales and Services:			
Sales and Services of Auxiliary Enterprises:			
Student Union Services	\$ 45,533.51	\$ 0.00	\$ 45,533.51
Bookstore	354,011.26	58,185.11	295,826.15
Other	27,920.33		27,920.33
Total Sales and Services	\$ 427,465.10	\$ 58,185.11	\$ 369,279.99
Nonoperating - Noncapital Gifts	\$ 23,151.43	\$ 0.00	\$ 23,151.43

NOTE 9 - OPERATING EXPENSES BY FUNCTION

The College's operating expenses by functional classification are presented as follows:

	Salaries and Benefits	Supplies and Materials	Services	Scholarships and Fellowships	Utilities	Depreciation	Total
Instruction	\$ 2,509,060.96	\$ 286,003.66	\$ 31,383.69	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,826,448.31
Public Service	1,146.47	6,341.12	11,065.62		9,915.82		28,469.03
Academic Support	609,128.54	27,768.89	22,551.86				659,449.29
Student Services	713,478.55	47,899.15	86,388.07				847,765.77
Institutional Support	747,969.40	162,964.95	210,209.23				1,121,143.58
Operations and Maintenance of Plant	280,289.33	35,954.27	39,039.40		197,030.53		552,313.53
Student Financial Aid	46,067.63		3,549.96	1,404,366.05			1,453,983.64
Auxiliary Enterprises	45,612.95	367,222.40	1,229.57				414,064.92
Depreciation						187,604.07	187,604.07
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 4,952,753.83	\$ 934,154.44	\$ 405,417.40	\$ 1,404,366.05	\$ 206,946.35	\$ 187,604.07	\$ 8,091,242.14

NOTE 10 - 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.

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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 Statutes 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, 2002, these rates were set at 1.97% of covered payroll for employers and 6% of covered payroll for members.

For the year ended June 30, 2002, the College had a total payroll of \$4,265,256.26 of which \$3,757,240.38 was covered under the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. Total employee and employer contributions for pension benefits for the year were \$225,434.42 and \$74,017.64, respectively. The College made one hundred percent of its annual required contributions for the years ended June 30, 2002, 2001, and 2000, which were \$225,434.42, \$190,195.26, and \$286,858.18, respectively.

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 457 Plan - The State of North Carolina offers its permanent employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457 through the North Carolina Public Employee Deferred Compensation Plan (the Plan). The Plan permits each participating employee to defer a portion of his or her salary until future years. The deferred compensation is available to employees upon separation from service, death, disability, retirement or financial

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

hardships if approved by the Board of Trustees of the Plan. The Board, a part of the North Carolina Department of Administration, maintains a separate fund for the exclusive benefit of the participating employees and their beneficiaries, *the North Carolina Public Employee Deferred Compensation Trust Fund*. The Board also contracts with an external third party to perform certain administrative requirements and to manage the trust fund's assets. All costs of administering and funding the Plan are the responsibility of the Plan participants. No costs are incurred by the College. The voluntary contributions by employees amounted to \$48,564.94 for the year ended June 30, 2002.

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. The voluntary contributions by employees amounted to \$14,680.00 for the year ended June 30, 2002.

IRC Section 403(b) and 403(b)(7) Plans - Eligible 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 \$39,256.26 for the year ended June 30, 2002.

NOTE 11 - 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 2.35% of the covered payroll under the Teachers' and State Employees'

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

Retirement System for these health care benefits. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002, the College's total contribution to the Plan was \$88,295.15. 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, 2002, the College's total contribution to the DIPNC was \$19,537.65. 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 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The College is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and 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 State-administered insurance programs, purchase of commercial insurance, and self-retention of certain risks. 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.

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 public officers' and employees' liability insurance up to \$11,000,000 via contract with a private insurance company. The premium, based on a composite rate, is paid by the North Carolina Community College System Office directly to the private insurer.

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.

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Liability insurance for College-owned vehicles is 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 Carolina Department of Insurance with coverage of \$5,000,000 per occurrence and a \$50,000 deductible. The College is protected for losses from employee dishonesty and computer fraud for employees paid entirely from county and/or institutional funds by contracts with private insurance companies.

Employees and retirees are provided health care coverage by the Comprehensive Major Medical Plan (Plan), a component unit of the State. The Plan is funded by employer and employee contributions and is administered by a third-party contractor. Effective for the October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002 year, the Plan no longer offers health coverage through 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. This self-insured death benefit program is administered by the State Treasurer 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 13 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

- A. Commitments** - The College has established an encumbrance system to track its outstanding commitments on construction projects and other purchases. Outstanding commitments on construction contracts were \$4,643.02 at June 30, 2002.
- B. Pending Litigation and Claims** – The College is a party to litigation and claims in the ordinary course of its operations. Since it is not possible to predict the ultimate outcome of these matters, no provision for any liability has been made in the financial statements. College management

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

is of the opinion that the liability, if any, for any of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the College.

- C. 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. 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. The College's remaining authorization \$731,858.00 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 14 - ROANOKE-CHOWAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION INC.

The Roanoke-Chowan Community College Foundation, Inc. is a separately incorporated non-profit foundation associated with the College. This organization serves as the primary fundraising arm of the College through which individuals, corporations, and other organizations support College programs by providing scholarships, fellowships, faculty salary supplements, and unrestricted funds to specific departments and the College's overall academic environment. The College's financial statements do not include the

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assets, liabilities, net assets, or operational transactions of the Foundation, except for the distributions made and benefits provided by the Foundation. The distributions received and/or benefits provided approximated \$4,513.00 for the year ended June 30, 2002.

NOTE 15 - ACCOUNTING CHANGES

Effective July 1, 2001, the College implemented GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for Public Colleges and Universities*. The financial statement presentation required by these Statements is a single-column enterprise activity rather than the fund-group perspective previously reported. Significant accounting changes in order to comply with the new requirements include adopting depreciation on capital assets, reporting revenues net of discounts and allowances, eliminating interfund activities, classifying activities as operating or nonoperating, classifying assets and liabilities as current or noncurrent, and prorating summer school activities to periods earned.

In addition, the College implemented GASB Statement No. 38, *Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures*. Changes in existing disclosures include more detailed information on debt service requirements, obligations under leases, and short-term debt. New disclosures include variable debt interest information and the major components of receivable and payable balances.

NOTE 16 - NET ASSET RESTATEMENTS

As referred to in Note 15, the College implemented GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for Public Colleges and Universities*.

July 1, 2001 Fund Equity as previously reported	\$ 13,040,088.16
Implementation of GASB 34/35	(4,122,894.59)
Other Restatements (Prior Year Reporting Error)	<u>(1,447,645.48)</u>
July 1, 2001 Net Assets as Restated	<u>\$ 7,469,548.09</u>

**Roanoke-Chowan Community College
Schedule of General Obligation Bond Project Authorizations,
Budgets, and Expenditures
For Project-to-Date as of June 30, 2002**

Schedule 1

Capital Improvement Projects	Projected Start Date	General Obligation Bonds Authorized	Other Sources	Total Project Budget	Amount Expended	Percent Completed	Expected Completion Date
Projects Started							
Repair/Improve Campus Structural Environment	Jul 2001	\$ 282,500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 282,500.00	\$ 124,405.00	44.04%	Aug 2003
Projects Approved by the State Board							
Improve Campus Compliance/Safety Environment	Aug 2002	215,600.00		215,600.00			Sep 2005
Improve Campus Learning/Working Environment	Feb 2003	358,163.00		358,163.00			Sep 2005
Total All Projects		\$ 856,263.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 856,263.00	\$ 124,405.00		
<p>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.</p>							



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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
Roanoke-Chowan Community College
Ahoskie, North Carolina

We have audited the financial statements of Roanoke-Chowan Community College, a component unit of the State of North Carolina, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated August 19, 2003.

As discussed in Note 15 to the financial statements, the College implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for Public Colleges and Universities*, and GASB Statement No. 38, *Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures*, during the year ended June 30, 2002.

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, which are reported in the Audit Findings and Recommendations section of this report, disclosed the following instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*:

Finding

1. Timely Completion of Annual Financial Statements

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL
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GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS (CONCLUDED)**

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. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the College's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The following reportable conditions noted as a result of our audit are described in the Audit Findings and Recommendations section of this report:

Findings

1. Timely Completion of Annual Financial Statements
2. Internal Control Over Bank Reconciliations Needs Strengthening
3. Recording and Monitoring Capital Assets

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. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. We believe the reportable conditions described above are 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

August 19, 2003

AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Current Year Findings and Recommendations - The following findings represent significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, and finding number 1 also represents noncompliance with a General Statute.

1. TIMELY COMPLETION OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

North Carolina General Statute 143-20.1 requires community colleges to submit annual financial statements to the Office of the State Controller within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year, June 30. Roanoke-Chowan Community College submitted its financial statements to the State Controller on February 6, 2003, five months later than the statutory deadline of August 31, 2002.

Turnover of employees performing the business operations of the College and the inexperience of responsible personnel assuming financial duties contributed to breakdowns in the internal controls surrounding the College's financial reporting function. Given this environment, the College's ability to properly record daily transactions, perform year-end close out procedures and prepare reliable financial statements was compromised.

Recommendation: The College should establish procedures and allocate resources to establish a fiscal environment that implements internal control procedures to ensure timely, accurate financial reporting and compliance with North Carolina General Statute 143-20.1.

College's Response: Since January 2003, the College employed a retired community college employee to maintain the operations of the business office during the absence of a Manager of Finance and a Controller. In March 2003, a Manager of Finance was employed and in June 2003, a Controller was hired. With the employment of these three individuals, the year-end reporting deadlines for fiscal year 2002-2003 were met and reported in a timely manner.

2. INTERNAL CONTROL OVER BANK RECONCILIATIONS NEEDS STRENGTHENING

Bank accounts were not properly reconciled with the College's general ledger. The failure to maintain current bank reconciliations resulted in interest earnings, bank charges, and credit card charges not being recorded in a timely manner. The College also incurred several returned check fees and re-entry charges due to unreconciled bank accounts. Unreconciled differences of general ledger cash balances exceeding bank statement balances varied throughout the fiscal year, with the general ledger balances exceeding bank statement balances for Special Funds and County Funds by \$433,468.09 and \$5,480.66, respectively at June 30, 2002.

AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONCLUDED)

The absence of adequate internal control that ensures the timely reconciliation of bank accounts creates an environment that can result in financial reporting errors, as well as irregularities, that may not be detected in a timely manner. Failure to review bank statements monthly and post reconciling items compromises the College's ability to properly monitor cash balances.

Recommendation: The College should promptly reconcile all bank accounts, and all reconciling items should be resolved with adjustments posted to the general ledger monthly.

College's Response: With the new staff in the business office, the bank reconciliations for fiscal year 2002-2003 are complete and bank reconciliations for fiscal year 2003-2004 are up to date.

3. RECORDING AND MONITORING CAPITAL ASSETS

The College did not properly accumulate, classify, and summarize capital assets transactions into the Fixed Assets System, the subsidiary that supports its general ledger accounts. Buildings and infrastructure totaling \$2,887,636.24 and \$13,786.31, respectively were omitted from the Fixed Assets System, and machinery and equipment per the Fixed Assets System was \$73,740.65 more than the balance reflected in the general ledger.

Our inspection of a sample of twenty-three (23) machinery and equipment items noted that five items totaling \$150,705.89 were deemed obsolete, a \$10,541.00 copier had been traded in and a \$37,138.55 passenger bus was not in working condition. Additionally, three items in our sample were noted to be maintained in a different location than the recorded location in the Fixed Assets System.

Recommendation: The College should strengthen internal control for capital assets to properly record, monitor, safeguard, and ensure accurate reporting.

College's Response: This finding relates to the lack of staff in the business office to perform the duties of monitoring fixed assets and proper recording. This task was transferred to the business office in July 2002. Efforts are in process to establish new procedures to maintain this equipment at the department level with oversight responsibility by the business office.

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In accordance with General Statutes 147-64.5 and 147-64.6(c)(14), copies of this report have been distributed to the public officials listed below. Additional copies are provided to other legislators, state officials, the press, and the general public upon request.

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September 24, 2003

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