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Ouachita Technical College continues growth in students, academic credit offerings

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Editor

Ouachita Technical College is on the move. No mistake, 2002 was a big year.

Fall enrollment for 2002 was 1,255 credit students, representing a 30 percent increase over the fall 2001 enrollment. In the spring of 2002, 1,179 credit students were enrolled at OTC, representing a 17 percent increase over spring of 2001, when 1,008 were enrolled.

This was the fourth consecutive semester (excluding summer terms) that OTC has established enrollment records.

The Fall 2002 faculty numbered 49 full time staffers. Combined with part time staffers, the number at OTC was 85.

Dr. Barry Ballard had earlier stated that OTC would be adding new classes, and slated for the Fall 2003 schedule are the following:

- Cosmetology Technical Certification Program
- Medical Professions Education (MedProEd/ a high school Career Center program)
- Industrial Equipment Maintenance Technology (a high school Career Center program offered in Arkadelphia at the Southwest Arkansas Technology Learning Center)
- The addition of a networking engineer track to the existing Computer Information Systems Associate of Applied Science Program

- A new 10,000 square feet Allied Health Building to be completed prior to the Fall 2003 semester. The Practical Nursing program and the high school MedProEd program will utilize the facility.

- The existing Allied Health facility will be renovated to accommodate the post-secondary Cosmetology program.

OTC credits its enrollment growth to a variety of reasons:

- Reduction in Arkansas Academic Scholarship. Students who previously

attended residential colleges and universities are staying in the community to attend college.

- Increase in concurrently enrolled high school students.

- Increased focus on retention and recruitment.

Fall 2002 enrollment includes:

- 42 percent full-time students and 58 percent part-time students.

- 49 percent male, 51 percent female.

- 14 percent minority students and 86 percent Caucasian students.

- 48 percent Hot Spring County students; 21 percent Saline County students; 12 percent Clark County students; 9 percent Grant County students; 1 percent Dallas County students and 9 percent students from outside the five-county service area.

- 261 high school students enrolled in 986.

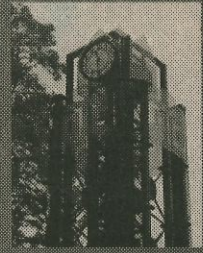
- 367 students enrolled in one or more Basic Skills courses.

OTC was founded in 1969 and in November of 1999 completed the latest addition to the building.



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Associate Degrees

- Business Information Technology in Accounting
- Automated Office Technology in Administrative Assistant
- Medical Transcription
- Management & Supervision
- Visual Arts & Spatial Technology
- Computer Information Systems/Network Management
- General Education/Transfer
- Early Childhood Education
- Criminal Justice
- Manufacturing Technology in Industrial Electronics
- Industrial Equipment Maintenance

Technical Certificates

- Automated Office Technology
- Computer Applications Technology
- Computer Repair
- Cosmetology
- Industrial Electronics
- Practical Nursing

Certificate of Proficiency

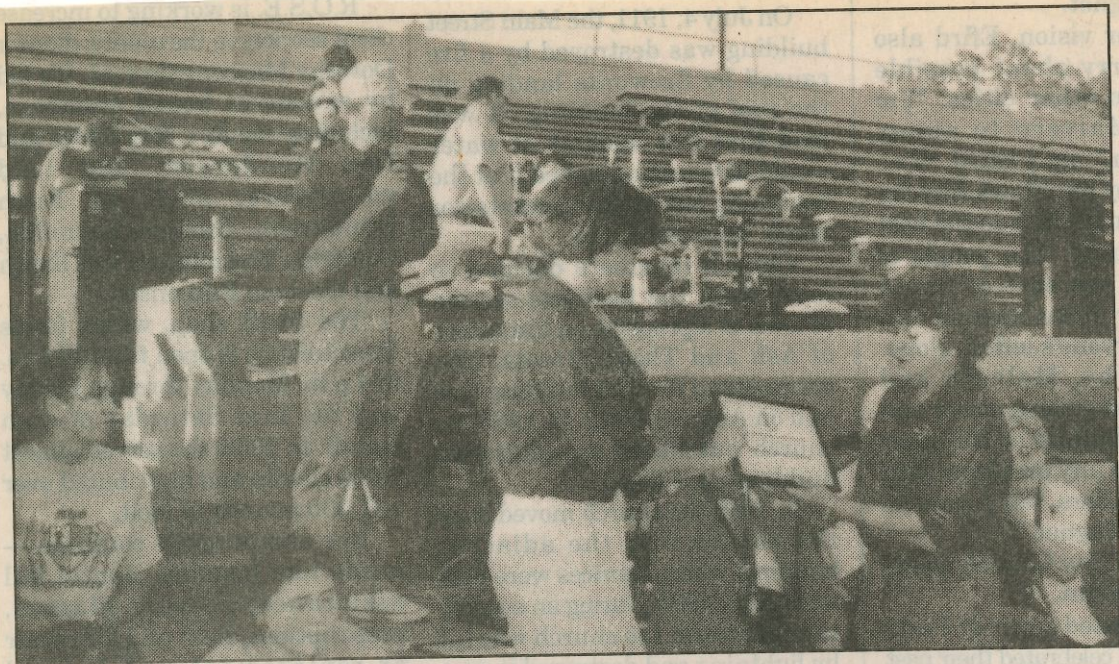
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- CISCO Networking Academy I & II
- Computer Repair
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education
- Industrial Electronics
- MCSE
- Welding

Ouachita Career Center

- High School Programs:*
- Automotive Technology
 - Cosmetology
 - Medical Professions Education (Med-Pro Ed)
 - Microcomputer Systems Technology
 - Power Equipment Technology
 - Welding

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The local Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society's biggest fundraiser, draws hundreds of people and raises thousands of dollars every year. Above, Amber Lindsey and Connie Cheatham preside over the 2002 Relay ceremonies, while below, personnel from HSC Medical Center and other relay participants enjoy the evening.