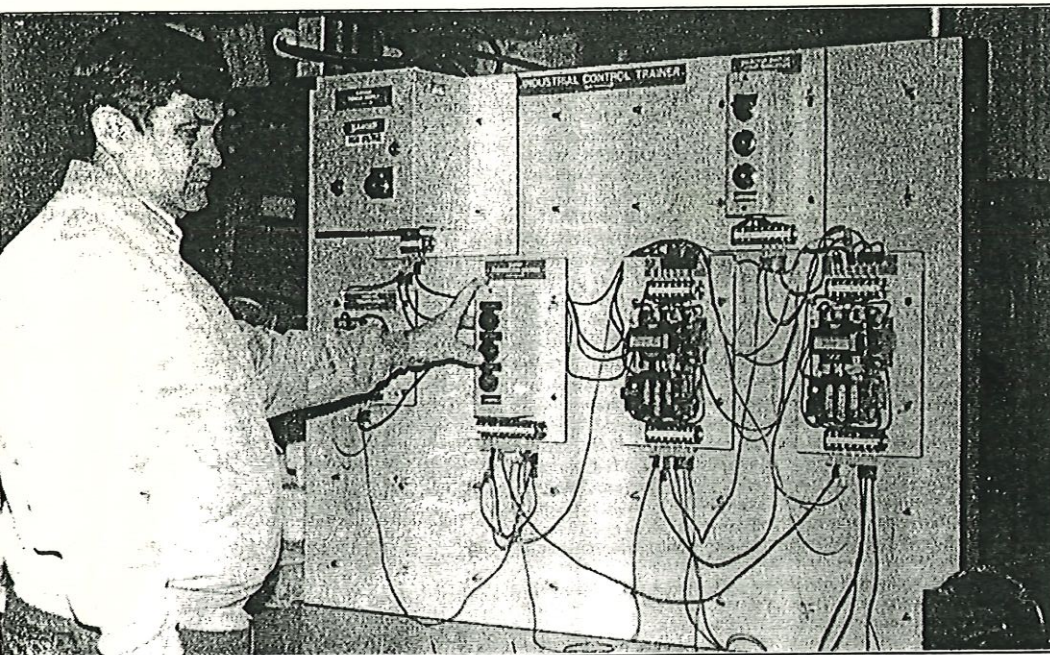


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Technical college seeks half-cent city sales tax



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Gary Engle, industrial electronics instructor at OTC, demonstrates the equipment used in the course.

Blood drive

- The Student Government Association of Ouachita Technical College will sponsor a special holiday blood drive until 2 p.m. in the Ron Moore Community Room. Each donor will receive a free t-shirt during this special drive.

MALVERN — The Student Government Association at Ouachita Technical College will sponsor a blood drive until 2 p.m. today in the Ron Moore Community Room.

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Board member Dewey Stiles was the only member of the board to oppose the sales tax. He made two motions that would enlarge the sales tax area, but both died for lack of a second. One of his motions would have had the tax referred to Hot Spring County, Clark County and Grant County and the other motion called for a the sales tax to be county-wide.

The proposed sales tax, if passed, would be in effect for three years and would bring in around \$1.4 million. Anticipated revenues are based on 1992 collections with no inflation factors considered.

In addition to the sales tax, the board also voted to charge

By AMY HARDIN
Staff Writer

During a special session Sunday, the board of trustees of Ouachita Technical College approved a tax initiative recommendation made by the finance committee.

The committee recommended the board propose a half-cent sales tax for the city of Malvern. The tax would go to build phase one of the proposed capital building project.

Phase one includes construction of an academic/learning resources complex. The complex would include a learning resource center and library, career counseling and assessment centers, science laboratories and additional classrooms.

Ouachita President Dr. Ken Martin said in an interview this morning that the building project is needed to help with the accreditation process the college is now going through.

An evaluation team from North Central Accreditation reviewed the school in September. The team recommended the college be considered for candidacy status after meeting all five criteria. However, the team said the college only marginally met

one of the criteria.

Criterion 4 states that "the institution can continue to accomplish its purposes and strengthen its educational effectiveness."

According to the NCA Discussion Items, the team's concern was that obtaining funding to support the college's continued development could be a major challenge to OTC. The team stated that a source of local funding is needed.

The team also felt that the laboratories and grounds should be improved. The new complex would also help to fulfill those needs.

Martin said the new complex would not only help the college meet the criteria, but would also help the college better serve the community.

"I'm sure this initiative will bring up a lot of questions," Martin said. "It seems rational to have a city sales tax since the preponderance of our student body comes from Malvern."

He also said a sales tax seems more equitable since it is a use tax.

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increased tuition to out of city residents.

The architectural firm of Black, Corley and Owens in Benton estimated the academic/learning resources complex will cost \$1,560,000 and a parking lot to accompany the building will cost \$90,000. Total costs of phase one of the building project would be \$1,650,000.

Martin said additional money will be available through the Workforce 2000 fund. Workforce 2000 entitles all technical colleges to up to \$250,000 in matching funds as long as the money raised by the colleges comes from outside sources, not tuition or other fees assessed students.

"If we can convince the voters to approve the sales tax, we would qualify for the whole \$250,000," Martin said.

He said the college has been raising money to work toward

the matching fund, but that not one of the money has been turned in because the college was hoping to wait until they could receive the entire amount. The matching fund would give the college \$500,000 to work with in addition to the money raised by the sale tax.

"It is our pledge to the voter that not one penny of this tax will go to operations," Martin said. "All of it will go to capital building and capital equipment."

Martin said right now OTC attorneys are working on drafting a resolution and being put on the agenda for the January city council meeting. If the resolution is passed by the city council, the sales tax would be put to the voters.

"We think we are a valuable asset to the community and we think we could be even more of an asset," Martin said.

EDITORIAL

Vote for OTC is vote for Malvern

The Malvern City Council will consider an ordinance Monday, Feb. 14, allowing Ouachita Technical College to place before the voters of Malvern a measure establishing a half-cent sales tax for expansion at the college.

The tax would raise some \$1.5 million over the next three years, then it would be removed. The potential gain from the college for the city is \$41 million between now and the year 2000.

We urge the city council to put the measure before the people and allow them to decide what the future of Malvern and OTC will be.

LETTER

Student supports technical college

Dear Editor,

As a student of OTC, I would like to express my feelings about some of the comments made by Mr. Dewey Stiles at the January OTC board meeting and reported by the *Malvern Daily Record* in the Jan. 26, 1994, issue.

First of all, the idea that OTC is turning into a Liberal Arts college is absurd. The definition in the Webster Collegiate Dictionary for Liberal Arts are the "studies (as language, philosophy, history, abstract science) in a college or university intended to provide chiefly general knowledge and to develop the general intellectual capacities (such as reason & judgment) as opposed to professional or vocational skills." OTC is a long way from even coming close to this definition. Perhaps those who choose to spread this drivel haven't read the college mission or asked the students how they feel. The only Liberal Arts courses which will be offered at OTC are general education classes which, by Arkansas law, are mandated for any degree program.

Second, as far as the general education courses are concerned, these courses are just as important as program courses. Consider your supervisor telling you to write a report on the project you've been doing, or hands you the manual for a new piece of equipment expecting you to figure it out. Several students after reading the article were offended by the comment Mr. Stiles made about the curriculum being too tough. We are here to receive training to prepare us for the demands of a complex and competitive job market. Our training must be relevant and contemporary if we are to succeed. The "new" curriculum, we feel, does just that.

We are also distressed that Mr. Stiles, as a trustee, did not stand up support of our college during the public hearings and that he apparently continues to work against our efforts to move the college forward. We, as students, cannot afford to live in the past.

Third, OTC's curriculum is growing every semester to meet the demands of the work force and the students.

This does not mean that technical courses that are now being offered will be discontinued. They are being upgraded and enhanced by other programs. Anyone can come and take a course from any program if that is all they are interested in. We are thankful that the move to a technical college has given us access to nearly double the program course offerings as we had in the past.

Fourth, the Continuing Education classes (non-credit hours) that are offered are by request of students at OTC and the general public. The fee that is charged for these courses is what pays for those instructors. Anyone having an interest in a particular topic can request a class. Furthermore these courses can lead a student to take college credit courses. I personally know students this semester who came in the fall for a continuing education class and are this semester taking college credit courses. Not 1 cent of state tax dollars goes for paying these instructors. If not enough students sign up for a course to pay the instructor the class is canceled.

Fifth, by OTC becoming a Technical College a person who wants to continue their education, but are unsure of their career goal, can get their general education courses while living at home, and then continue on to a senior college or university where these courses would be fully transferable. With the rising cost of tuition this would be a great opportunity for everyone regardless of financial condition.

Finally, I want to say that I am proud of the progress OTC has made over the past two years. The college has an excellent group of instructors, staff and Board of Trustees who really care about the students and the community they serve. Even though I will be graduating in May, I urge the Malvern residents to support your and our local college. Help OTC continue to offer the programs now in effect and add new programs to meet the needs of employers and students by supporting the half-cent city sales and use tax at the city council meeting on Monday, Feb. 14, 1994.

Liz Pfeiffer
SGA President

Technical college feels growing pains

While Ouachita Technical College has had the name technical college for a couple of years now, it is still fighting to ensure its standing.

One obstacle the college is now facing is the lack of classroom space. OTC President Ken Martin explained to the Board of Trustees last week that state funding is based on student enrollment.

Student enrollment will increase as more and varied classes are offered. But with OTC's present facilities at capacity, enrollment has also reached capacity.

In order to increase student enrollment, and in turn increase state funding for the college, more classroom space must be created.

The OTC Board of Trustees voted 4-1, with Dewey Stiles opposing, to pursue details of a possible agreement in which OTC could lease the former Huckaby's Supermarket facility on North Main Street for classroom space.

Eight classrooms could be formed at that facility and three additional classrooms are planned following remodeling on the OTC campus.

While we would like to see more expansion on the OTC campus, we realize that the need is urgent and immediate. The Huckaby facility is close to the present campus and would relieve the immediate need for classroom space, while other expansion projects are completed.

We want and need OTC to grow and expand for the future of our community. That growth and expansion will take compromise and adjustment on the part of everyone.

With cooperation, we are sure that OTC will become a fully accredited technical college and an even greater asset to Malvern and Hot Spring County.

Board reviews classroom options

By TERRI LEMING
Staff Writer

Students at Ouachita Technical College may be taking fall classes in an old supermarket under a proposal presented to the OTC Board of Trustees Monday.

President Ken Martin stressed the college's "pressing need to expand" in his request for board approval of two facility expansions.

In order to increase state funding, which is based on student enrollment, Martin said, the college must offer more course sections during the next school term. However, current general-purpose classroom space is full for both day and night classes, he said.

Two options would allow the college to offer at least 20 additional classes next year: one as a permanent renovation,

create three more general purpose classrooms at an estimated cost of \$50,000. The project would be funded by a state revolving fund and portions of tuition revenues.

"With the additional revenue generated from that space, it should be an easy loan to pay back (in three years)," Martin told the board.

Because the state money would not immediately be available, construction could not be completed in time for fall classes, but would be open for spring, Martin said.

Space for fall classes could be constructed in the former Huckaby's Grocery on North Main Street, Martin said. The 12,000 square-foot open space could be refurbished into nine classrooms and four general-purpose offices.

Martin said a contractor estimated the preparation would cost around \$36,000. However, no state money

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could be used to fund the off-campus renovations, he said. If Huckaby agreed, he would have to fund the project which would be paid back by the college through a three-year lease.

Estimated income from 20 additional sections over two semesters would total \$39,600 through student tuition, Martin said.

"If we don't do it, we're not going to be able to grow," Martin stressed. "Next year's budget, in the best of terms, is going to be tight. The only way to enhance (state funding) is through more students. The only way to get more students is to offer more classes, and the only way to do that is to have more classroom space."

Board Member Dewey Stiles, however, said he opposed paying rent for off-campus properties when he believes the money could be better utilized for on-campus needs.

He also doubted Martin's estimate of students who would enroll for the classes. Should the students not materialize, he said, the school's budget could not cover the expense.

"I don't see that many students out there," he said. "I think it's a gamble."

The enrollment, Martin said, would come from a niche in the community which OTC has not targeted — part-time students. Nationally 57 percent of community college enrollment entails part-timers, but OTC derives its students almost entirely on a full-time basis, he said.

Henderson State University extension courses offered through OTC currently enroll more than 300 students, and are full in current facilities. More of those students could enroll with additional space, he said.

"That is only a small percentage of the growth I see," he added.

Martin agreed with Stiles on the need to expand on-campus facilities, but said construction could not provide that amount of space before fall.

"We're not going to grow with the

facilities we have right now," Martin said.

On a motion by Trustee Steve Faris, the trustees voted 4-1, permitting Martin to pursue details of a possible agreement with Huckaby and proceed with the on-campus renovation. Stiles voted against the motion.

Martin said no agreements would be reached without board approval, and he anticipated a called meeting to review details.

The board also approved a resolution which will allow academic expansion through degree programs. Expected approval of OTC's proposed associate degree programs by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education will be a major step toward North Central Association Accreditation, Martin said.

If approved, OTC will offer two programs in associate's degrees in applied sciences.

June Prince said the school has requested a September site visit from an NCA accreditation team, and is awaiting confirmation.

The board approved by-laws for the OTC Foundation, which has

received official non-profit, tax-exempt status, Martin said. The foundation board will consist of 12-15 members and will meet annually in December. Trustees Faris, Bonnie Stanley and Stiles will serve on a committee to nominate the foundation board.

In other business, the board formally accepted the warranty deed and abstract of title, which transferred ownership of the college to the board of trustees from the Arkansas Department of Vocational Education.

The board also authorized Martin to purchase promotional items, such as pens and cups, to be distributed in recruiting efforts. The items will be allocated in for the 1993-94 budget.

Martin told the board Precision Industries has pledged \$1,000 annually to the college for the next five years. The money will be credited to the OTC capital campaign.

Martin also informed the board of a donation of \$21.25 to the Futures Unlimited Foundation from the OTC Student Government Association, which was raised through a raffle.

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ESA DONATION — Alpha Omega Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority President Lyndal Cook, Ways and Means Chairman Sharon Loftis and members of the sorority present \$1000 to Dr. Ken Martin, president of Ouachita Technical College, for the college's current fund-raising drive.



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE DONATIONS — Hot Spring County Memorial Hospital Employee Council President Geneva Nolan (fourth from left) presents Dr. Ken Martin, president of Ouachita Technical College, \$500. Also pictured are HSCMHEC members (left to right) Kathy Walter, Shirley Prescott, Kim Eddy, Connie Cheatham and Rodney Spear.

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COMING FRIDAY: Area churches report news of special events, activities.

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Technical college seeks to tap part-time student potential

By DAN MARSH
Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College President Ken Martin told the OTC Board of Trustees at their regular meeting Wednesday night the school will have to look at providing some extra classroom space in the immediate future to meet the increasing number of students.

The board reinstated its facilities committee to make a recommendation at the next meeting as to their options in expanding classroom space. Steve Faris will chair the committee, and the entire board was invited to serve on the committee.

Martin called it "a problem I like having. I'd much rather be trying to figure out where to put all these students, than worrying about what to do with all the empty space."

He said OTC has an "untapped growth potential" in part-time students who attend night classes. However, Martin said the college offers only one electronics course at night. The rest of the classroom space is occupied at night by courses imported from Henderson State University and taught by HSU instructors.

"We have a great potential to grow in a very short period of time," Martin said. "You

can count on one hand the number of part-time students (at OTC). We've been catering to full-time students who go to class from 8 in the morning until 2:30 in the afternoon and go home. But it's imperative that we try to attract more part-time students who work 40 hours a week and can go only at night."

For the fall, Martin proposed instituting "one night class for all three-day classes. That would allow us to offer 40 sections at night." OTC could offer 20 sections at night on Mondays and Wednesdays, and another 20 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

He said the campus has only nine general

purpose classrooms, and HSU is currently using eight of those rooms at night, including the cafeteria on certain nights. OTC would probably need about 10 new classrooms to accommodate an increase in students, before a new, proposed Learning Resource Center is built.

"Two-thirds of our potential is untapped," Martin said, referring to the part-time students OTC could attract. He said the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is "paying a lot of lip service to tying productivity to base funding formulas," meaning OTC's future budgets could depend heavily on head count.

"These part-time students will be our salvation," Martin said. "And, our budget may very well depend on having more to offer them."

He said the campus needs three new classrooms to carry them through the next three to five years. "If we broke ground on the LRC in December, it'd be two years before we were ready to move in," Martin said.

He estimated that by reshuffling some automotive classes, OTC could turn up three general purpose classrooms without spending a

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Fisher to address OTC graduates

By the Daily Record staff

JimmieLou Fisher, treasurer of the state of Arkansas, will be the guest speaker for commencement exercises for Ouachita Technical College.

The ceremony will be held Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m. in the Malvern High School auditorium.

Fisher is serving her fifth term as state treasurer and is presently serving as vice chair of the Democratic State Committee.

She was named Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman Holding Public Office in 1992 by the National Association of Democratic Women and received the Jesse Unruh Award in 1991 from the National Association of State Treasurers.

A native of Delight, Fisher graduated from Vilonia High School. She attended Arkansas State University and graduated in 1989 from the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Malvern High School choir will provide entertainment throughout the graduation ceremony. The national anthem will be performed by Jennifer Rowe with musical tributes provided by Mallery McClure and Britani Gray.

Fran Bailey, children and youth music director at First Baptist Church will provide music for the prelude and procession. Rev. David Malone, pastor of Centerview Missionary Baptist Church will deliver the invocation and benediction.



JIMMIELOU FISHER
State Treasurer

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dime. "But even the nine we have now are miniscule. We're going to see a 10 to 15 percent increase in students this fall, and I expect we'll see it grow by three percent every year after that."

In other business, the board accepted a proposed constitution presented by the recently-formed OTC Student Government Association. The constitution was approved with the understanding that further changes may be necessary. Martin said the SGA has "amazing energy" in reporting its concerns to the administration, and was active before the constitution was submitted and approved by the board.

The board heard a report from Gary Ingles, an electronics instructor at OTC and member of the Electronics Advisory Committee, who encouraged them to consider implementing an industrial equipment maintenance program to prepare students for an expanding job market in industry.

"Industries are looking for jack-of-all-trades type people," Ingles said. "They're wanting people who know a little about heating and air, a little about welding, carpentry, etc. That's the kind of generalized training that's popular with small business."

He proposed funding a program to provide such generalized maintenance training, and provide money for an instructor and for equipment. Martin

added "industry wants to attract people with a multitude of skills, but it takes a full-time program to train students. A particular industry can teach an employee whatever in-house skills are necessary, but they're looking for people who have a basic grasp of many different crafts."

He said an instructor's position will become vacant this fall, and proposed changing the curriculum of that position to meet the requirements of an industrial maintenance program. "We could fill that position with such an instructor using the money already set aside for it," Martin said. "We wouldn't have to create a new position or set aside new monies."

The program would not create a need for additional classroom space, but would require some capital outlay for equipment, Martin said. The board gave Martin permission to advertise nationally for an industrial maintenance instructor, and also to advertise for a replacement for Jay Lewis Moles, who will be retiring this year. Moles supervised the business and information systems at OTC, and is also instrumental in the college's attempts to attain NCA candidacy.

In other business, the board approved a resolution to submit to the Department of Higher Education concerning an associate's degree program offered under Business and Office Information Systems Technology, or B.O.I.S.T. OTC's program will be used as the model for all such associate degree programs in the state, Martin said.



IN SYNC — These students at Ouachita Technical College garnered first place honors in the OTC Nursing Department Lip Sync Contest. Daily Record Photo — Ross



NURSING AWARDS — A number of Ouachita Technical College nursing students were awarded during OTC's awards banquet April 30. Those awarded are: (front row, left to right) Gloria Hearnberger, instructor; Sherry Michael, first place practical nursing; Kay Caviness, first place prepared speaking, HOSA theme; Lindsey Carter, outstanding student in the health occupation; (back) Cheryl Driggles, student of the year; Venaye Barnes, extemporaneous speaking; Lynette Smith, instructor; Sharon Dozier, third place prepared speaking; and Sue Nutt, instructor H.O. Ed. Daily Record Photo — Ross

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COMING THURSDAY: Area students earn honors.

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Faculty, staff donations top 100 percent for college

By TERRI LEMING
Staff Writer

Faculty and staff have committed 100 percent to the Ouachita Technical College's capital campaign, according to Dean of Finance and Administration Bob Jones.

OTC's family campaign has raised \$9,907 from the school's 47 faculty and staff members, he said, which more than doubled initial expectations. Each employee pledged through either cash contribution or payroll deduction.

Dr. Ken Martin, OTC president, said the fund-raising entity OTC

Futures Unlimited Inc. expected a strong response from faculty and staff and was extremely pleased at the amount raised.

"It's evidence of the support faculty and staff have for the college and the belief they have in the mission," Martin said. "Everyone buys into the transition from the vo-tech...to community college."

Martin said the support should send the message to the community that the faculty and staff are committed to the college and will continue to back its growth.

"That participation points to the

fact that people here believe in what we're doing," he said.

With the family contributions, the fund drive is now at approximately \$83,000, according to Kathy Richardson, director of development and community outreach. Within the past week, the foundation has mailed about 200 requests for contributions and volunteers are continuing to make personal contacts on behalf of the school, she said.

The first phase of the fund drive is racing to accumulate \$250,000 before June 30 in order to obtain a Workforce 2000 matching grant.

The second phase of OTC move toward accreditation will see the construction of a 24,000 square-foot administration and classroom facility. The fund drive will continue well past the June 30 deadline to finance the project which Martin estimates will cost \$1.5 million.

Expanding existing facilities is urgently needed, Martin said, as the college continues to offer more services.

General purpose classrooms are now full. With the expanded number of night classes and full-time students expected for the fall, Martin estimates

10 additional classrooms will be needed by August.

"But I'd much rather worry about not having enough space than wonder what I'm going to put in empty

classrooms," he said.

The capital expansion and other projects will help the college continue to increase services, structuring curriculum to meet the needs of the area.

Ouachita Tech graduation set

Ouachita Technical College will hold commencement exercises Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m., in the Malvern High School Auditorium.

State Treasurer JimmieLou Fisher will be the guest speaker.

Seventy-two OTC students will graduate with technical certificates or diplomas.

Entertainment will be provided by the Malvern High School Choir. Jennifer Rowe will sing the national anthem with musical tributes by Mallery McClure and Britani Gray.

Thanks to our instructors and all the
area teachers for their contributions
to our community.



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Local Briefs

MALVERN — Commencement exercises for Ouachita Technical College will be held today at 7 p.m. in the Malvern High School auditorium. State Treasurer JimmieLou Fisher will be the featured speaker, as 72 students graduate.

Friday, April 30

Bean supper

•Malvern Civitans will hold their annual bean supper, 4:30-9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, featuring entertainment by The Henshaw Trio, The Triads and The Friendly Five, as well as the Hot Spring County Ladies Trio. Tickets are \$3, adults, and \$1.50 for children.

OTC awards/dance

•Ouachita Technical College will hold an awards ceremony and dance, 7-11 p.m. in the student center honoring 1992-93 graduates and outstanding HOSA and VICA participants. Faculty, administration and family are invited.

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News Brief

MALVERN — Ouachita Technical College will hold commencement exercises Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m. in the Malvern High School Auditorium. State Treasurer JimmieLou Fisher will be the guest speaker. Seventy-two students will graduate this year with technical certificates or diplomas.

MALVERN — The Malvern City Council will meet Monday, May 10, at 7 p.m. at city hall.

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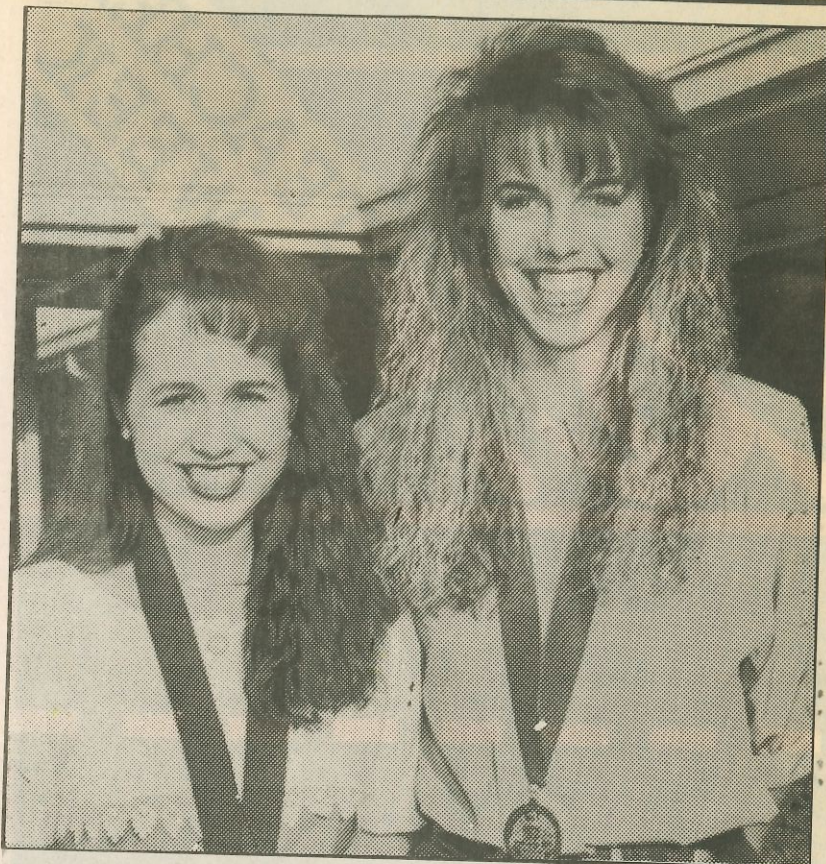
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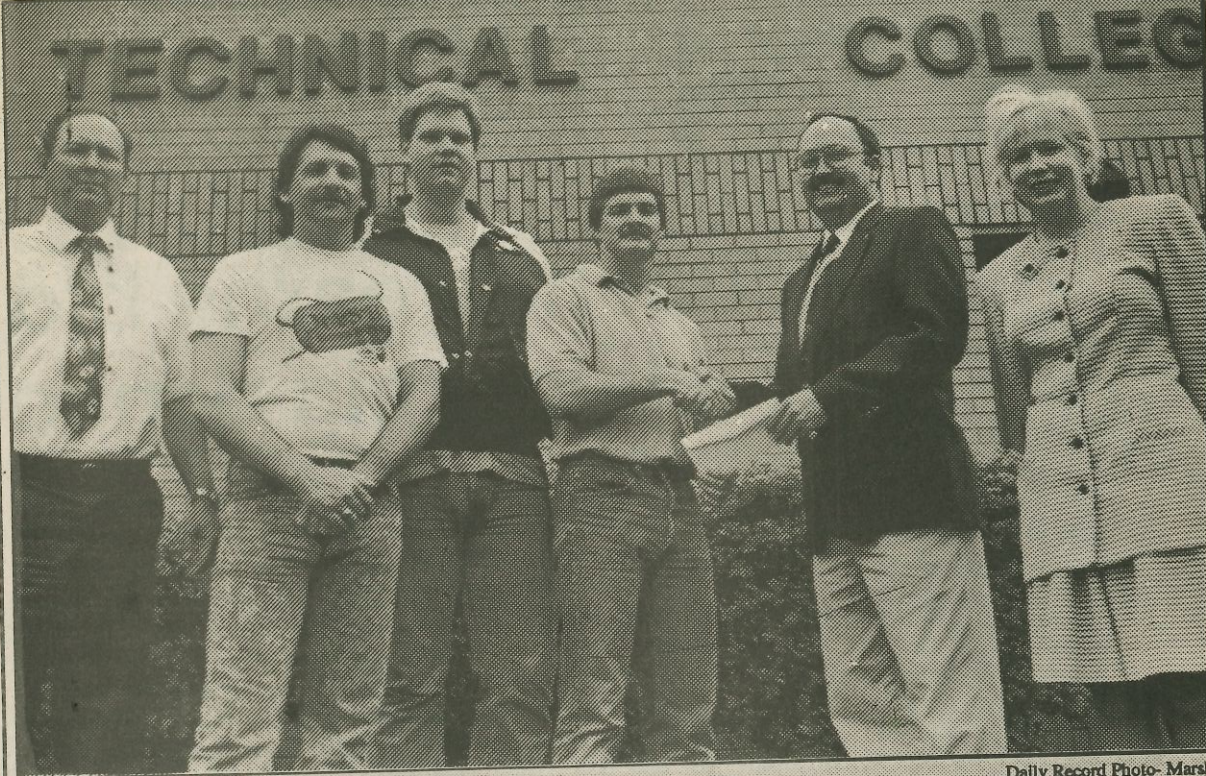
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PHI BETA LAMBDA AWARDED — Kathy Williams, left, and Sheila Camp received awards in their field of study at Ouachita Technical College's awards banquet April 30. Williams won first place in office machines. Camp won third place in both stenographer and records management.



Daily Record Photo — Ross

OTC COSMETOLOGISTS AWARDED — Crystal Jones, left, and Connie Smith received awards in cosmetology during Ouachita Technical College's awards banquet April 30. Jones was awarded second place, stylist, while Smith was awarded second place model.



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PRO-MED DONATES SCHOLARSHIPS — Pro-Med Ambulance Services of Malvern recently donated scholarships from its membership drive to four Ouachita Technical College Students. Pro-Med Manager Terry Bracy said the annual membership drive resulted in \$300 going to each of the four recipients. OTC determined which students were to receive the scholarships, the chief factor being a

lack of prior financial aid. From left are OTC Counselor Vaughn Kesterson, and three of the students who received the scholarships: Charles Newman, Buck Burchfield and Donny Pumphrey. A fourth recipient, Steve Brothers, was not pictured. Also attending were Bracey and Susan Prugh, vice president and dean of instructional and student affairs.

EDUCATION



FOOD SERVICES STUDENTS AWARDED — Students in Ouachita Technical College's Food Services awarded at OTC's annual banquet April 30 were: (front, left to right) Bessie Williams, third place; Tressie McJunkin, instructor; Diane Smith, first place; (back) Steven McJunkin, Statesmen Award; Aundray Gulley, second place; Melinda Sanderfer, Statesmen Award; and Russell Overton, first place.

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HOSA AWARD WINNERS — On April 22 and 23, the 1992-93 Practical Nursing Students of Ouachita Technical College participated in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) convention and competition. They received four first place awards and one third place

award. Pictured left to right are LPN instructor Lynette Smith, and first-place winners Sherry Michael, Kay Caviness, Sharon Dozier, and Venaye Barnes, and LPN instructor Gloria Hearnberger.

OTC associate degree program model for others

By **TERRI LEMING**
Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College's proposal for an associate degree program so impressed the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, they want other schools to use it as a model for their plans.

OTC's associate degree is the next step in the school's transformation from vocational-technical school to technical college, according to Jessica Beard, chairman of the OTC Business, Office and Information Systems Technology department (BOIST), formerly the department of business education.

Receiving approval for the degree from the state is required for North Central Association accreditation, which is a major goal for the OTC administration, Beard said.

However, to get that approval, the BOIST Department was required to author a detailed description of the program and its goals, she said. Areas covered in the proposal include the program's education plans and curriculum, semester-by-semester course sequence, department goals and objectives, student and college needs assessment, budget, student availability, fac-

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ulty resources, library resources and several other points.

"It was just a stab in the dark," Beard said, because no other Arkansas schools have come this far in the technical college transformation.

Now other technical colleges around the state will have an invaluable guide, thanks to OTC.

"The state department liked everything Ouachita Technical College sent, and they want to make copies and send them around the state," she said.

The high praise, especially in the area of goals and objectives, was almost a sure sign that OTC will be granted approval for its first degree program, Beard believes.

Around 15 students have already signed up for the two-year vocational diploma plan which will roll over to the associate degree upon ADHE approval. They hope to award the first OTC associate's degrees in applied sciences next year.

"We pretty much had the curriculum all lined out last fall when they signed up," she said.

The students in the program choose between two specialty areas in automated office technology and accounting, Beard said. Curriculum in the two two-year programs includes 21 credit hours of broad technology, 24 hours in specialty courses and 15 general education hours.

"We've sort of given our whole program a face lift," Beard said. "We changed our focus from vocational education to teaching the total student."

Students who may not be able to commit to a two-year program may still enroll in one-year technology certificate programs, which are one half of the degree programs. Should students take time off after one year, they can come back, complete another year and receive the degree, she said.

But she also stressed that students are welcome to take a class at a time — whatever they need to fit their own schedules. With night classes in computer fundamentals and word processing planned for the fall semester, Beard believes OTC will attract a number of new students.

"We hope to have people take the night classes, decide they like it and come back for more," she said. "We're really proud of the program and the way it's headed."

Associate's degrees approved for OTC

By S. KOCH
Staff Writer

The Ouachita Technical College Board was informed that OTC can now be officially termed a degree-granting institution by the Department of Higher Education during its regular monthly meeting Tuesday.

OTC now offers associate's degrees in accounting and administrative office technology. Previously, the college awarded diplomas.

The meeting was the first for newly-appointed board member, Jim Ferguson.

In other business, the board approved the concept of an Affirmative Action manual for the college. "This seems to be consistent with where two-year colleges in Arkansas and the nation are going," President Ken Martin told the board, adding, "This is a little more comprehensive in

its statement. It doesn't change our policy statement, it embellishes it."

The board heard the new marketing strategy designed by Martin and Coordinator of Development and Community Outreach Kathy Richardson. The pair researched the demographics of OTC's student body.

Among their findings were that OTC's percentage of females was 76.1 in comparison to the 47 percent national average for two-year colleges, and males comprised only 23.9 percent at OTC, compared to 53 percent nationally.

The board also hired Milton Purdy as industrial maintenance technology instructor and approved the use of Wilson School for extra classrooms. OTC has a need for the use of at least nine general purpose classrooms, according to the board.

May 28, 1993

Editorial

Technical college feels growing pains

While Ouachita Technical College has had the name technical college for a couple of years now, it is still fighting to ensure its standing.

One obstacle the college is now facing is the lack of classroom space. OTC President Ken Martin explained to the Board of Trustees last week that state funding is based on student enrollment.

Student enrollment will increase as more and varied classes are offered. But with OTC's present facilities at capacity, enrollment has also reached capacity.

In order to increase student enrollment, and in turn increase state funding for the college, more classroom space must be created.

The OTC Board of Trustees voted 4-1, with Dewey Stiles opposing, to pursue details of a possible agreement in which OTC could lease the former Huckaby's Supermarket facility on North Main Street for classroom space.

Eight classrooms could be formed at that facility and three additional classrooms are planned following remodeling on the OTC campus.

While we would like to see more expansion on the OTC campus, we realize that the need is urgent and immediate. The Huckaby facility is close to the present campus and would relieve the immediate need for classroom space, while other expansion projects are completed.

We want and need OTC to grow and expand for the future of our community. That growth and expansion will take compromise and adjustment on the part of everyone.

With cooperation, we are sure that OTC will become a fully accredited technical college and an even greater asset to Malvern and Hot Spring County.

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COMING THURSDAY: Coverage of the Southwest Central Regional Solid Waste District Board meeting.

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Clayton — the University Scholarship to University of Central Arkansas.

Collins — the Academic Scholarship to Ouachita Baptist University.

Griffin — Reserved Officer Training Corps Scholarship to University of Arkansas.

Jenkins — National Merit Scholarship, Trig-Star Scholarship, ACT-M Advanced Mathematics Scholarship, Math County Scholarship, Tandy Technology Scholarship to California Institute of Technology.

Jones — Malvern Schools Alumni Scholarship, Cosmetology Scholarship to Ouachita Technical College.

Martin — University Scholarship

to University of Central Arkansas.

Newborn — Minority Scholarship, Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship, J. Saxon Arnold Memorial, Jewel Minnis Scholarship to University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Overton — University Scholarship to University of Central Arkansas.

Primm — Nickel Moulding Scholarship, Minority Achievement Scholarship to University of Arkansas.

Taylor — Wallace Family Scholarship, Presidential Academic Scholarship to Henderson State University.

Senior sponsors are Kathy Clayton and Vonda Cranford. Class officers are President Michael Alan Clayton, Vice-President Amber Nicola Wilks, Secretary Mendi Leanne Overton and Treasurer Jennifer LeAnne Phillips.

Class colors are wine, forest green and ivory, and the class flower is the ivory rose. The class chose "Dream On" by Aerosmith as its class song.

Martin to address Malvern grads

By the Daily Record Staff

Malvern High School will graduate 167 seniors during commencement exercises Friday, May 21 at 8 p.m. in Claude Mann Stadium.

Dr. Ken Martin, president of Ouachita Technical College, will be the guest speaker for the Class of 1993.

Summa cum laude graduate (high distinction) will be Leslie Brooke Mays. She has been active in Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, choir, cheerleaders and Peer Counselors. She has been named on the 4.0 honor roll in ninth through 12th grades and was a delegate to Arkansas Girls State.

Scholarships Mays has received include Arkansas Governor's, Presidential Academic, Phillip Murray Memorial, United Steelworkers of America Local 7366, Malvern Schools

Alumni to Henderson State University.

Magna cum laude graduates (great distinction) will be Alicia Hollyway Buckner, Michael Alan Clayton, Tony Charles Jackson, Misty Dawn Jones and Shannon Leigh Monroe.

Seniors named cum laude graduates (distinction) are Jamie Wayne Austin, George Mac Collins, Brian Patrick Giffin, Brian Samuel Jenkins, Crystal Dawn Jones, Angie Brooke Martin, Leslie Jenai Newburn, Mendi Leanne Overton, Branako Breeyon Lateegie Gajah Primm, Brian Keith Sampson, Jeffrey Alan Smith and Tabatha Lucille Taylor.

Scholarships garnered by the honor graduates include:

Buckner — University Scholarship, Academic Challenge Scholarship, Essence Club Scholarship and



LESLIE BROOKE MAYS
Summa cum laude graduate
University of Central Arkansas Scholarship.

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OTC AWARDS — Ouachita Technical College students recently awarded in the college's awards banquet included: (front row, left to right) Neal Kratz, first place, air-cooled engine; Kee Kratz, outstanding high school student, small engine; Benny Williams, small engines instructor; (back) Reece Young, welding instructor;; Michael Crouch, third place plate cutting; and Andrew Burks, first place A.R.C., M.I.G. and T.I.G.

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June 23, 1993

Parker to be honored with toast and roast

By the Daily Record staff

Although plans are still in the development stages, organizers for the annual Jack McCoy Toast and Roast have announced this year's event will honor Malvern National Bank President Floyd L. Parker.

The event will be held Tuesday, Aug. 17, at Ouachita Technical College. Tickets will go on sale and will cost \$15 each.

This is the third year for the Jack McCoy Toast and Roast. Proceeds from the event benefit the Hot Spring County Library's summer children's programs and other selected organizations. In addition to the library, this year's proceeds will also provide a grant for one of Malvern's school teachers to be used to advance literacy.

Last year's event, which honored state Sen. George Hopkins, raised approximately \$2,000.



FLOYD L. PARKER
Roast honoree

OTC Alumni

The Ouachita Technical College Student Government Association is searching for current addresses and phone numbers of OTC and Ouachita Vo-Tech graduates to form an alumni association. Contact SGA Alumni Committee, P.O. Box 816, Malvern AR, 72104, c/o OTC.

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COMING THURSDAY: Brickfest XIII kicks off with opening ceremonies.

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Technical college board approves \$2.2 million budget

By TERRI LEMING
Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College officials plan to continue growth of the school in the 1993-94 term under a \$2.2 million budget approved by the Board of Trustees Tuesday evening.

According to Dr. Ken Martin, president of OTC, the document was "built from scratch" as the first line-item operating budget produced for the college. It will allow month-by-month analysis for spending by department, he said.

Expected revenues for next term total \$2,379,192.80 in restricted and non-restricted funds. Non-restricted funding includes \$234,000 collected in fees, \$72,000 reimbursement from Henderson State University, \$311,308 through Workforce 2000 and \$1.1 million in general state appropriations.

Restricted revenues of \$551,676.80 will fund the college's vocational center, adult education programs and Job Training Partnership Act program.

A majority of the budget, 50.91 percent,

will fund academic instruction, which includes staff salaries, maintenance and operation in six areas. Certified staff will enjoy a 2.5 percent across-the-board raise this year, as recommended by the state department, Martin said.

However, unless legislative appropriations increase next year, Martin fears no career bonuses will be available for 1994-95.

The remainder of estimated expenses are divided among management/administration, 20.86 percent; student services, 11.8 percent;

plant operations, 12.49 percent; travel, 0.33 percent; and instructional support, 3.6 percent.

Martin said the \$28,484.70 remainder in the budget will be a sufficient "slush fund," barring any calamities.

"I'm comfortable in launching this year with that kind of balance," he said, considering expected "growing pains."

Ideally, however, the balance should be at \$36,550, or 2 percent of the total non-restricted budget, under State Department of Higher

Education guidelines.

Funding for instructional support also falls short of the country's 6 percent average for two-year institutions. The figures for OTC, however, are a vast improvement from last year's budget, which provided only 2.5 percent for support programs such as library and related staff.

The non-restricted funding budget is up from \$1.6 million for the 1992-93 term, boost-

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ed largely by additional Workforce 2000 funding.

The \$1.7 million budget is indicative of the growth the college is enjoying, said Board Chairman George McClure Jr., and represents a sizable economic impact in the area.

The board adopted the budget with a 5-0 vote.

Acting on an issue tabled from the May meeting, trustees also approved amendments to the OTC Foundation

by-laws.

Revisions to the document included adding the Foundation secretary to the executive committee, and striking a provision which would violate the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act by permitting a meeting of the Foundation board without public notice.

Martin said the by-laws would complete Internal Revenue Service requirements for being granted non-profit status.

In other business, Steve Faris reported progress on acquiring additional instruction facilities for the upcoming fall term. Don Huckaby, owner of the facilities, requested additional time to develop figures and iron

out details for a lease agreement, Faris said. The committee is awaiting his response before proceeding.

The college also is awaiting confirmation for an anticipated September site visit by a North Central Accreditation team. A self-study will be sent to NCA in preparation for the visit, she said.

Martin said a formal presentation of the OTC marketing plan will be included in the next board meeting. He also invited trustees to the Monday, June 28, graduation ceremonies for 61 general equivalency diploma students. The commencement will begin at 7 p.m. in the John W. Cole Student Center at OTC.

July 8, 1993

OTC restores industrial maintenance program

Special to the Daily Record

Ouachita Technical College has announced plans to revitalize a program in Industrial Equipment Maintenance (IEM) for the fall 1993 semester. A new program proposal has been submitted to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education that will be titled an Associate of Applied Science in Manufacturing Technology. Students may choose from four majors under this degree plan: industrial equipment maintenance technology, industrial electronic technology, machine tool technology and air conditioning/refrigeration technology.

skills taught by a specialist in each field. Some of the programs involved in the IEM curriculum are electronics, welding, machine tool and air conditioning and refrigeration. The general education core curriculum is also incorporated into the schedule for the IEM program. This type of educational background is expected to prepare the student for a variety of career opportunities in industry.

OTC President Dr. Ken Martin suggested to the board of trustees that OTC hire a full time faculty member to administer the IEM program and to teach classes such as hydraulics, pneumatics and mechanical devices and systems. The board of trustees voted to hire this faculty member and the search for this instructor is under-

way. The objective of the IEM program is to rotate students through several existing technical programs at OTC with the intent of exposing the student to a wide range of occupational

Ferguson named to college board

Seeks greater opportunities for students

By the Daily Record Staff

Gov. Jim Guy Tucker has announced that Jim Ferguson of Malvern has been appointed to the Ouachita Technical College Board of Trustees.

President of the Bank of Malvern since 1991, Ferguson is the former president of Merchants and Planters Bank in Arkadelphia.

"I'm excited," Ferguson said, "I think it is a great opportunity for Malvern."

He added he thought the college will pay dividends to the residents of Malvern, Hot Spring County and the surrounding area through the opportunities and training it offers each student.

OTC President Dr. Ken Martin commented, "I can't express my happiness," adding, "Personally, I am extremely pleased. He (Ferguson) showed an understanding of what a two-year technical college is all about."

Ferguson says his long-term goal is to expand the opportunities for area students.

Ferguson replaces Jimmy Crownover of Malvern who resigned.

With his term ending July 1, 1996, Ferguson will attend his first board meeting Tuesday, July 27.



JIM FERGUSON
OTC board member

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TURNING THE TASSLE — Commencement ceremonies were held Monday night for 60 graduates of Ouachita Technical College's Adult Education Department. In the first separate commencement held for adult education students, the graduates were addressed by Priscilla Flowers (pictured), program manager with the State Department of Education Vocational and Technical Division Adult Education Section.

Those earning General Education Diplomas included 19 honor graduates who scored 55 or above on the GED exam. Gregory Whitlock was recognized as the highest GED scorer, with honorable mentions to Janice Juanita Reynolds and Linda Paxton. Outstanding student was Rhonda Goslyn with honorable mentions to Donna Berry and Sandra Matlock. Shirley Ennis was bestowed Outstanding Alumni honors.

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NURSING GRADUATES — Ouachita Technical College's School of Practical Nursing will have their 11th annual capping and graduation exercises tonight at 7 at First Baptist Church, Main Street. Classmembers, listed in alphabetical order, are as follows: Lisa Arnold, Venaye Barnes, Charles Burchfield, A. Kay Caviness, Misty Cliff, Sharon Dozier, Cheryl Driggers (outstanding student), Donna Freeman,

Bonnie Hannie, Lisa Harris, Kimberly Hill, Penny Jones, Karen Kennedy, Sheila Key, Cynthia Lee, Wesley Malone, Jimmy Matlock, Sherry Michael, Pennie Pearce, Angela Ray, Donna Simmons, Jennifer Taylor, Tammy Warrick, Henra Wells, Mekeitha Winters. Instructors are Lynette Smith, RN; Gloria Hearnberger, RN, and Donna Wallace, LPN.

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Angela Jones' scholarship check is presented by Jim Ferguson. Angela, a graduate of Magnet Cove High School, will be attending Hendrix College in Conway.



Kenny Danner receives his scholarship check from Mary Beth Roseberry. Kenny is a graduate of Malvern High School and will be majoring in Electrical Engineering at Henderson State University.

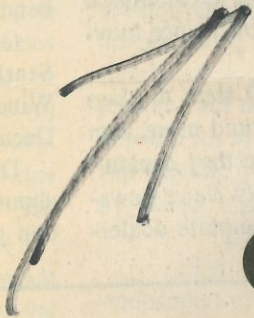
Roger Sugg, Jr., a graduate of Glenrose High School, accepts his scholarship check from Don Walsh. Roger will be taking general study courses at Ouachita Technical College.





Brett Chancellor receives a scholarship check from Ray Francis. Brett is a graduate of Ouachita High School and will be majoring in Chemistry or Math at Henderson State University.

Sheila Thomas is a graduate of Bismarck High School and accepts her scholarship check from Eddie Ramsey. Sheila plans to prepare for a career in nursing at Ouachita Technical College.



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Senators and officers of OTC's Student Government Association.

OTC Student Senate plans participation in goal achievement

Special to the Daily Record
By CHARLES TURNER, president
OTC Student Government

As Ouachita Technical College's pursuit to become a fully accredited two-year technical college progresses, the school has been required to institute many new changes. One such change believed to be necessary to the success of this achievement was the formation of a student government. On Feb. 17, with the support of the school administrator, Dr. Ken Martin, elections were held selecting one representative from each program to create OTC's first Student Government Association Senate.

With a new cooperative relationship established between the students and administration, the Student Senate plans to become a beneficial participant in the achievement of objectives set by the administration of OTC, as well as contributing to the well being and continued success of the school and its students.

In addition to creating a needed line of communication between the students and administration, the newly formed organization's primary objective will be to sponsor projects beneficial to the students of OTC.

One of the projects being developed is the operation of the school bookstore. The store will handle various items the students may want or need, as well as the purchase and resale of used books.

Other projects being developed include an alumni association, a school news letter, the development of a SGA Scholarship Fund, and even a multi-family rummage sale, which will be held in the near future, to raise funds for student activities.

With the continued support of the administration, industry, community of Malvern and now the students, OTC will continue its quest of becoming a fully accredited two-year college that will make Malvern proud.

Pictured above are senators and offi-

cers of Ouachita Technical College's instructor.

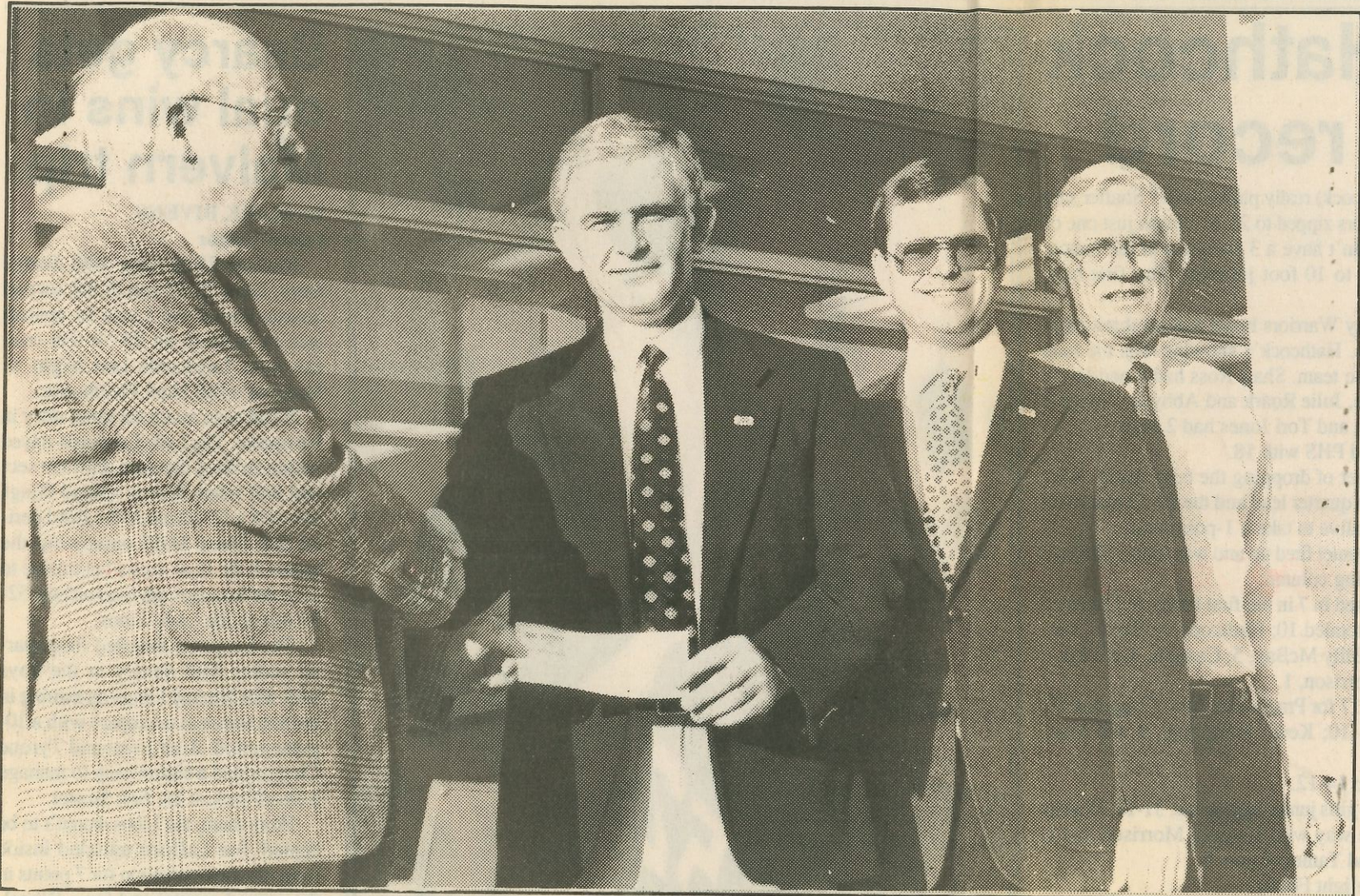
Student Government Association are: (left to right, front) Wesley Malone, parliamentarian/reporter; Charles Turner, president; Daniela Stanley, secretary/historian; (center) Tracy Warner, vice-president internal affairs; Liz Pfeiffer, vice-president external affairs; Larry Moore, treasurer; (back) John Allen, air conditioning and refrigeration; Charles Newman, machine shop; Alton Tankersley, diesel services; Bonnie Hannie, nursing; Bessie Williams, food service; and Amber White, accounting. Not pictured are representatives Angelia Butterworth, business office technology; Robin Wallace, data processing; and Grant McPherson, welding. Faculty advisors are Tressie McJunkin, food services director; Kippy Massey, library/LRC director; and Ronnie Thompson, business communications



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CADC SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPIENTS — Eight area single parents have been awarded scholarships from Central Arkansas Development Council through the Single Parent Scholarship Fund for the spring semester. Of the students, one will attend University of Arkansas at Little Rock; three, Garland County Community College in Hot Springs; one, Henderson State University in Arkadelphia; two Ouachita Tech-

nical College; and one will attend both OTC and Baptist School of Nursing. Majors will be accounting, education and nursing. Those awarded the \$250 scholarships are: (front, left to right) Sheri Sharp, Debbie Greene, (back) Susan Wood, Elizabeth Pfeiffer and Janet Brewer. Not pictured are Sharon Williams, Misty Bailey and Cristal Patton.



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OTC RECEIVES DONATION — W. Henry McClure, president of Southern State Bank, left, presents Ouachita Technical College President Ken Martin a check in the amount of \$5,000. Also present for the check passing Monday were Steve Faris, member of the OTC board of trustees, and Layne Sparks, Southern State Bank executive vice president. Southern State Bank formed Jan. 1 when Southern Credit Corp. converted its stocks into a commercial bank charter. The bank donated the check to OTC's Futures Unlimited Foundation, which is raising funds toward a \$250,000 goal. The money raised will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the state, Martin said.

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to be dispersed statewide sometime this spring.
"We've still got that money coming, so the budget will be a lot stronger

once that is figured in," Martin said. "It'll take a change for the better."

The state is delayed in releasing the money, Martin said, because it is still waiting to obtain some revenues.

The state did release \$240,000 in Workforce 2000 non-matching funds to OTC last month, money Martin said will be used to purchase new computer equipment. The money was

raised through a half-penny corporate sales tax.

Jones said OTC received a clean West Central Association Planning and Development District audit, which Martin said he was relieved to get.

Martin told the board the school's Futures Unlimited Foundation is still in the process of being set up.

OTC continues work for accreditation

By DAN MARSH
Staff Writer

The Ouachita Technical College Board of Trustees met Tuesday night in regular session to discuss progress toward North Central Association accreditation and other business.

NCA Self-Study Coordinator Jay Louis Moles said his committee should have a report ready for the board within the next month which will provide analysis of problem areas within OTC and recommendations on how to resolve them.

"We're getting together the strengths and concerns of the school," Moles said. "We should be able to finish the report easily."

The self-study report is a necessary step in gain-

ing NCA accreditation, according to OTC President Ken Martin.

Board President George McClure, Jr., thanked Moles and the self-study group for their hard work in compiling the information.

Vaughn Kesterson reported on his November trip to Hot Springs for the Association of Two-Year Colleges Conference. Kesterson encouraged more representatives from OTC attend future conferences.

Martin said the conferences provide "a good voice" for two-year colleges in the legislature, and McClure stressed the importance of OTC taking a leadership role in the development of two-year colleges "on every level."

McClure said two-year colleges in Arkansas stand to see "a big area for growth" in student enrollment, and said he expects the average percentage of students in this state enrolled in two-year schools increase to the national percentage.

"This is the largest area for growth in our segment of the educational system," McClure said.

Dean of Finance and Administration Bob Jones told the board OTC's budget expenditures "are right on target as far as what we're budgeting for and what we're actually spending. We're in good shape."

Martin said the Arkansas Dept. of Higher Education has yet to release to OTC \$199,000, money

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OTC sponsors ISO 9000 mini-seminar

Special to the Daily Record

There will be a three-hour mini-seminar concerning International Standard Organization 9000, which is a five quality international series used by manufacturers of products that are sold internationally at the Malvern National Bank Operations Center at Main and Page from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 10.

The initial process was addressed in 1986 for implementation in 1992. Two videotapes will be shown with discussion to follow. This seminar will address the importance of the global industry market, which standards apply to you, preparation for registration and certification, role of senior management, most extensive standard, how

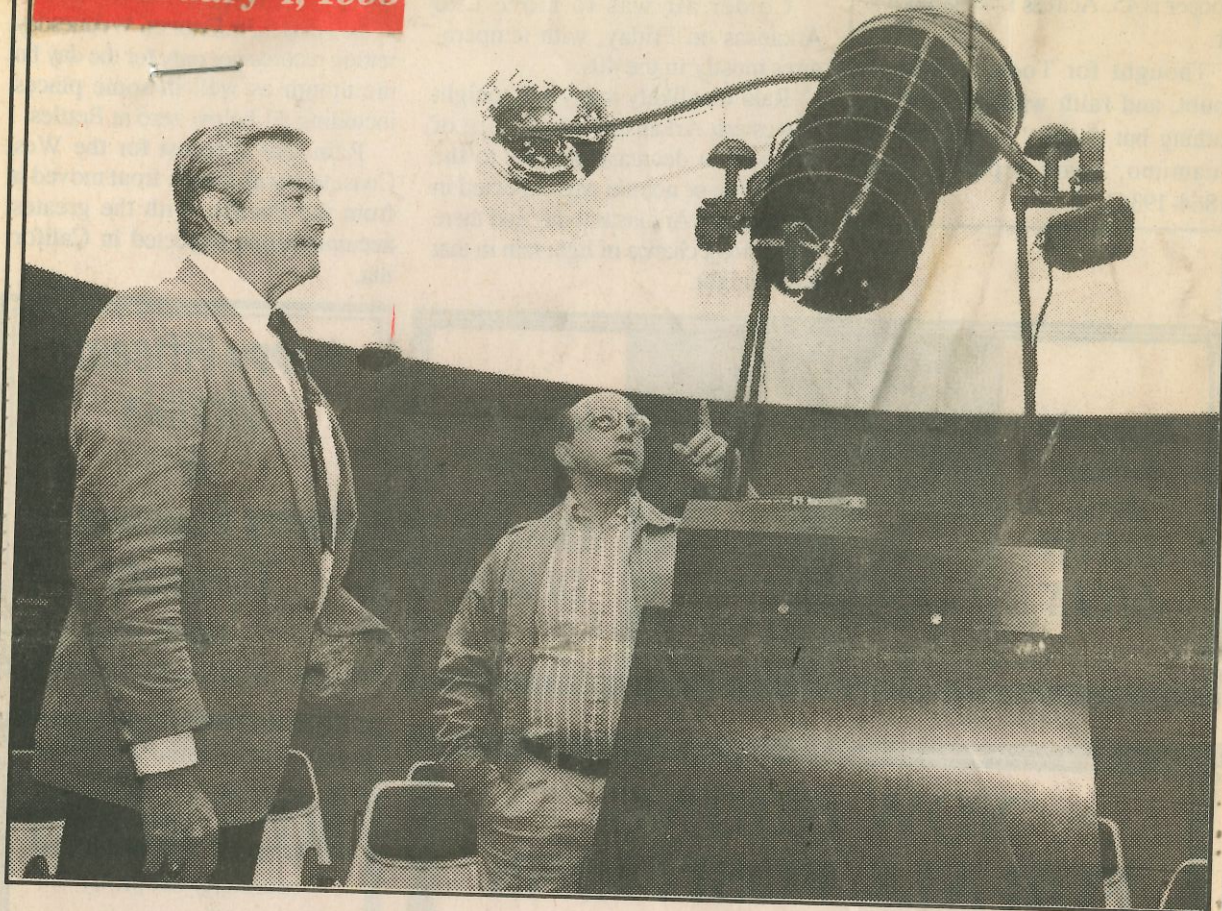
to document system, role in line organization and common problems.

The seminar is free.

The seminar is sponsored by the Ouachita Technical College and coordinated by Leon Ashcraft, Industrial Coordinator with the Arkansas Vocational/Technical Education Division. For more information, call 332-3658.

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Coston checks out the planetarium with physics teacher Basil Miller.

Coston's satisfied with his life

By MICHELLE GILLHAM
Staff Writer

MAGNET COVE — It's not often a person is so satisfied with his life that, given the opportunity to relive it, he would change very little, if anything. However, Magnet Cove Superintendent Glen Coston is one of those unique few.

Always ready with a firm handshake and welcoming smile, the 24-year veteran of Magnet Cove School System is excited at his approaching retirement. Coston has been a teacher since 1964, beginning at MC as a math and

science teacher a decade after his graduation from the school.

He taught at Glen Rose and was the principal at Ouachita during a five-year break from Magnet, but unceasingly faithful to his alma mater, returned in 1984 as superintendent.

The school has had difficult times during Coston's tenure, but the superintendent ranks the school's survival through the closing of Reynolds and loss of students

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as one of his proudest recollections. "I'm not the savior of the school, but with a good board and faculty, we were able to hold on to our school, maintain it and still make improvements."

Coston recalls the planning of the current school, and remembers staff having an input on its design. One of those suggestions is still expanding the minds of youngsters in a way most, possibly all, other schools in Arkansas are unable to do without a field trip.

When the building was moved into in 1970, it had the only planetarium in an Arkansas high school. Built with the assistance of the National Science Foundation, the planetarium was built and is shared with other schools under the agreement. However, MC allows adult groups and various organizations to use the planetarium as well.

As director of the planetarium for 15 years, Coston recalls being a perpetual student as he attended Michigan State University and Sam Houston University in Texas to study astronomy. He has since turned control over to another teacher, but remains interested and excited about it.

Although Coston has spent most of his life up to this point in the Magnet Cove area, he was in the Army for almost four years. While training to go to Korea, Coston's division, the Fourth Infantry Division, traveled to Alaska, where they trained 30 days for cold weather survival and 30 days in a maneuver opposing the 101st Airborne.

Awarded numerous times for service in the military, Coston is proudest of his 100-mile ski patch he received while training in Alaska.

Looking back now, he laughs about the three day trek in 25-below-0 weather. However, as an infantryman looking for supplies supposed to be

dropped on a frozen lake by helicopter, the discovery that the supplies were dropped at the wrong location was probably not as humorous.

What eventually became a 13 1/2 hour day of work in three feet of snow, is recalled now with the memory of trousers frozen to boots, gloves frozen to ski poles, and 27 men in an emergency nine man tent.

Fourteen months were spent in Korea, and Coston recalls one moment of combat when his division was ambushed on the DMZ, the parallel that separated north and south Korea. "They were very antagonistic at that time. We patrolled our side and they patrolled theirs. Occasionally they would infiltrate one on our side, but we were better trained than they were," he recalls. In this time of combat, no American soldiers were lost, but three of the enemy's men were shot and killed.

Upon his return to the states, Coston says he "toodled around" for about three years before deciding to attend college. He received his bachelor of science degree in math and physics from Henderson State University and a masters in public administration from the University of Arkansas.

Although he planned to continue on for an engineering degree, he and his wife, Marcille, experienced a miracle — the birth of their second child. Coston says it was a "one in a million chance of having a second child."

Magnet Cove had an opening for a teacher and Coston decided to "try it for a year" to see what it was like. That little taste changed his plans forever; he fell in love with the profession and has remained in it.

Anyone who walks in his office immediately notices his two great loves. On the wall facing the door is a large framed photo of a black panther, Magnet's mascot, given him by the faculty his first year as superintendent. Although slightly smaller, another photo is placed above the panther — a photograph of his pride and joy, his 22-month-old granddaughter,

Camille.

Talking with Coston can go in any number of directions. He is more than happy to talk about Camille and the things he has made for her. He claims he is looking forward to fishing, hunting and flying his radio controlled airplanes after his retirement, however, without his ever saying so, his top priority is, and will be, spoiling his grandchild.

Possibly a step ahead of other retirees, Coston remembers when his father, Elmer, retired. "I used to kid him before he died that he got further behind after he retired than before," Coston laughs.

Accidents and ironies have left some of the most memorable moments and actions in his life. His wife of 37 years was met on a blind date.

Coston had been friends with her cousin and her former boyfriend, but never dated her until they were set up for the date. Seven months after their fateful evening, the couple wed in Pleasant Valley Church. They have two sons, Brad, 36, an electronics technician in Little Rock, and Brian, safety and environmental director for Amoco Foams.

Always the educator, Coston plans on possibly teaching a few courses at Ouachita Technical College upon his retirement and possibly signing up for a few for himself. He admits, however, he is mentally ready to retire, "I've made my contribution."

Proud of his country heritage, Coston has basic, but timeless philosophies. "I tell the kids today I'll be 57 next month and I've had a great, rich and full life. If I died tomorrow, I've had a great life."

Providing a strong guiding hand, Coston's advice can be taken to heart for people of all ages. "Live today and the mistakes you've made profit from them. Continue looking and planning for tomorrow; don't dwell on mistakes other than from a positive aspect of learning from them and not making them again."

Editorial

Academics win over activities

The state Board of Education took a giant step in promoting academics Monday by adopting student-participation rules in a 6-3 vote.

In essence, the rules state that students must keep their grades up in order to participate in interscholastic activities.

Beginning in the fall, high school students must have passed four academic courses during this spring semester and have no less than a 1.8 grade point average in order to participate in competitive activities.

The minimum GPA rises to 2.0 in the fall semester of 1994.

Junior high school students will be required to maintain a 1.8 GPA until the spring semester of their ninth grade year. At that time, they will be required to meet high school standards.

The grade point requirements apply to those students participating in sports or extracurricular activities which involve competition, such as band, debate, cheerleading, drill team or academic competitions such as Quiz Bowl or Odyssey of the Mind.

Our schools were designed to academically educate our children. While we recognize the educational value of extracurricular activities and athletics, we feel those activities are secondary when compared to academics.

By requiring students to maintain a 2.0 GPA the state Board of Education has sent a strong message to our state's school districts and their patrons, that academics are the No. 1 priority.

The grade point requirement should serve as an added incentive for the students who participate in these activities to also excel academically.

While the state board's decision is not necessarily a popular one, we feel it is in the best interest of the students and of education in Arkansas.

We are left with just one question for the state board: "If a 2.0 GPA is needed to participate in extracurricular activities, why is it not required for graduation?"

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Editorial

State funding shrinks for technical colleges

Funding for the state's technical colleges, including Ouachita Technical College, suffered a setback Tuesday when the Joint Budget Committee's personnel committee voted to cut technical college funding by \$1.65 million for each of the next two fiscal years.

The committee asked the state's technical colleges to identify vacant or unnecessary director and assistant director positions in an effort to make up for the funding cuts.

The state's 12 technical colleges were created by the Legislature about two years ago.

Since that time the need for additional funding for the upgrade from vocational-technical school to technical college has been evident. But what has also become evident is the state's lack of commitment in that area.

Lawmakers are making it increasingly clear that if communities, such as Malvern, want their technical colleges to be successful they will have to make the commitment, even financially, to the institution.

One example of community commitment is in Crittenden County where voters Tuesday approved a 4-mill property tax to support Mid-South Technical College.

Ouachita Technical College is in the midst of a fund-raising blitz. With the latest budget cut, it is evident that OTC's fund-raising efforts are increasing in importance.

The future of OTC lies in the commitment of Hot Spring County and Malvern to its success.

February 17, 1993

Effect of budget cuts not yet known to OTC

By DAN MARSH
Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College may not feel the brunt of a \$1.65 million cost-cutting measure imposed by the Joint Budget Committee's personnel committee, according to OTC President Ken Martin.

"I don't think the cut is going to affect our baseline budget at this time," Martin said Wednesday. "But I will need to look into it further."

Budgets for Arkansas technical colleges will be trimmed by the eight-

member committee, which implemented the reductions for a two-year period.

The committee asked 11 of the state's 12 technical colleges to identify vacant or unnecessary director and assistant director positions, Garner said.

Martin said he doubted the final budget of OTC, as well as those of most technical colleges, would be harmed by the reduction, but noted he had little information on the fiscal measure as of today.

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Happy Birthday!

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COMING THURSDAY: Bismarck Schools receive three improvement grants.

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Technical college continues work toward accreditation

By DAN MARSH
Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College now has an official policy and procedures manual, one that President Ken Martin said will remain up-to-date with current state law until "about a minute after it's approved."

Martin presented the completed manual to the OTC Board of Trustees during their regular meeting Tuesday night. They had reviewed

a copy of the manual at their last meeting, and discussed changes and revisions. With those changes now complete, the board last night approved the final copy — with the understanding that the policies are subject to further change at any point in the future.

Martin said guidelines of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education "are fluid, and there will be changes."

He said the policies in the manual are "ver-

batim" to state law. He said he has shared copies of the completed work with other technical college administrators, who were so impressed they now want to model their own policies after OTC's.

In other business, Jay Louis Moles, North Central Association Self-Study coordinator, ran through a list of items an NCA team of evaluators provided the college one year ago, to update the board on the college's progress

in that time.

"We were given a list of 28 recommendations," Moles said, "and we've still got a ways to go. But we have accomplished a lot."

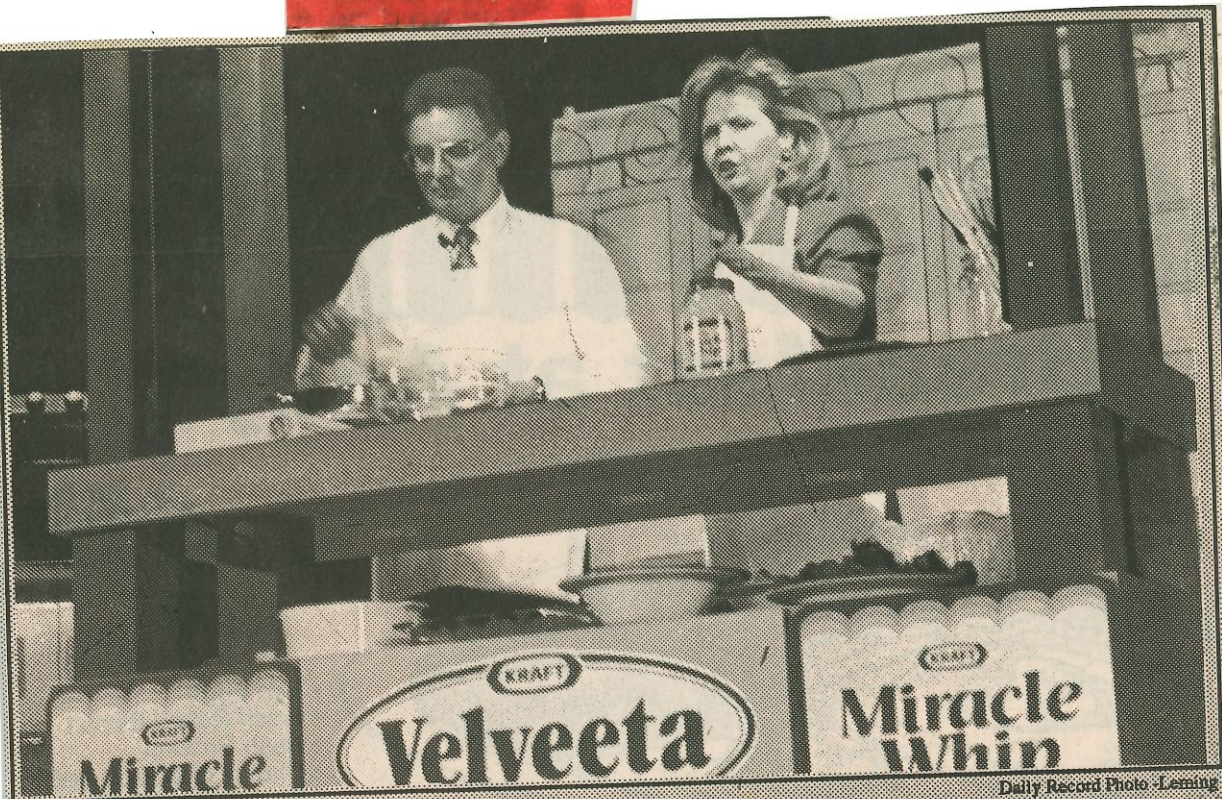
Moles said those accomplishments include a mission statement, which has gone through two previous drafts until reaching a finalized form just recently. "We've set some goals, and we've got our five-year plan developed," Moles said.

He noted full NCA accreditation for the college is "a good four years away."

Moles said the responsibility for setting long-range goals "has been thrust on us. It used to be the state's responsibility. It's up to us to decide how we need to progress."

Board Chairman George McClure, Jr., expressed his appreciation to Moles for his work on the self-study project.

March 8, 1993



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MIRACLE MIXERS — Don and Irma Harbour presented the maiden sessions of the Kraft Traveling Cooking School Friday and Saturday at the Malvern High School auditorium. The schools will be presented across heartland America in a 10-week tour.

During the 90-minute schools, the Harbours demonstrate 16 easy recipes using Kraft Miracle Whip and Velveeta. Proceeds from the Malvern schools benefited the **Ouachita Technical College Futures Foundation.**

March 4, 1993

Cooking school to benefit technical college

By the Daily Record Staff

Ouachita Technical College Futures Unlimited Fund Foundation will benefit from the proceeds of the Traveling Cooking School to be held Friday and Saturday, March 5 and 6.

The Friday show will begin at noon and the Saturday show will begin at 7 p.m. Both 90-minute shows will be held in the Malvern High School auditorium. Tickets are \$3 each. The doors will open one hour before each show.

Irma Harbour of Malvern will lead the cooking school which is sponsored by Kraft. She will be assisted by her husband, Don Harbour, on the tour.

Recipes demonstrated during the school will feature Miracle Whip Salad Dressing and Velveeta Pasteurized Process Cheese Spread.

Most of the recipes to be demonstrated are designed for quick, easy preparation.

Sponsors of the cooking school say it has something to offer everyone from full-time homemakers to bachelors to retirees, who cook for one or two, no matter their cooking-skill level.

Tickets for the show are available at Ouachita Technical College, the Malvern Chamber of Commerce, the *Malvern Daily Record*, Superior Federal Bank or Bank of Malvern.



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Don and Irma Harbour show off the Traveling Cooking School R.V.

To reserve tickets by phone, call the

Malvern Chamber of Commerce at 332-2721. Seating is limited and registration will occur at the event only if

space is available. All attendees will have the opportunity to win door prizes at the end of each show.

The Traveling Cooking School will kick off a 15-city, 10-week tour with its Malvern shows.



Daily Record Photo - Gillham

AMOCO ASSISTS EDUCATION — Amoco Foam Products Co. Plant Manager Al Rogge was on hand recently to donate to \$350 scholarships to Jennifer Taylor and Lee Gulley, students at Ouachita Technical College. Taylor is a Licensed Practical Nurse student, while Gulley is studying electronics. Amoco has given the scholarships,

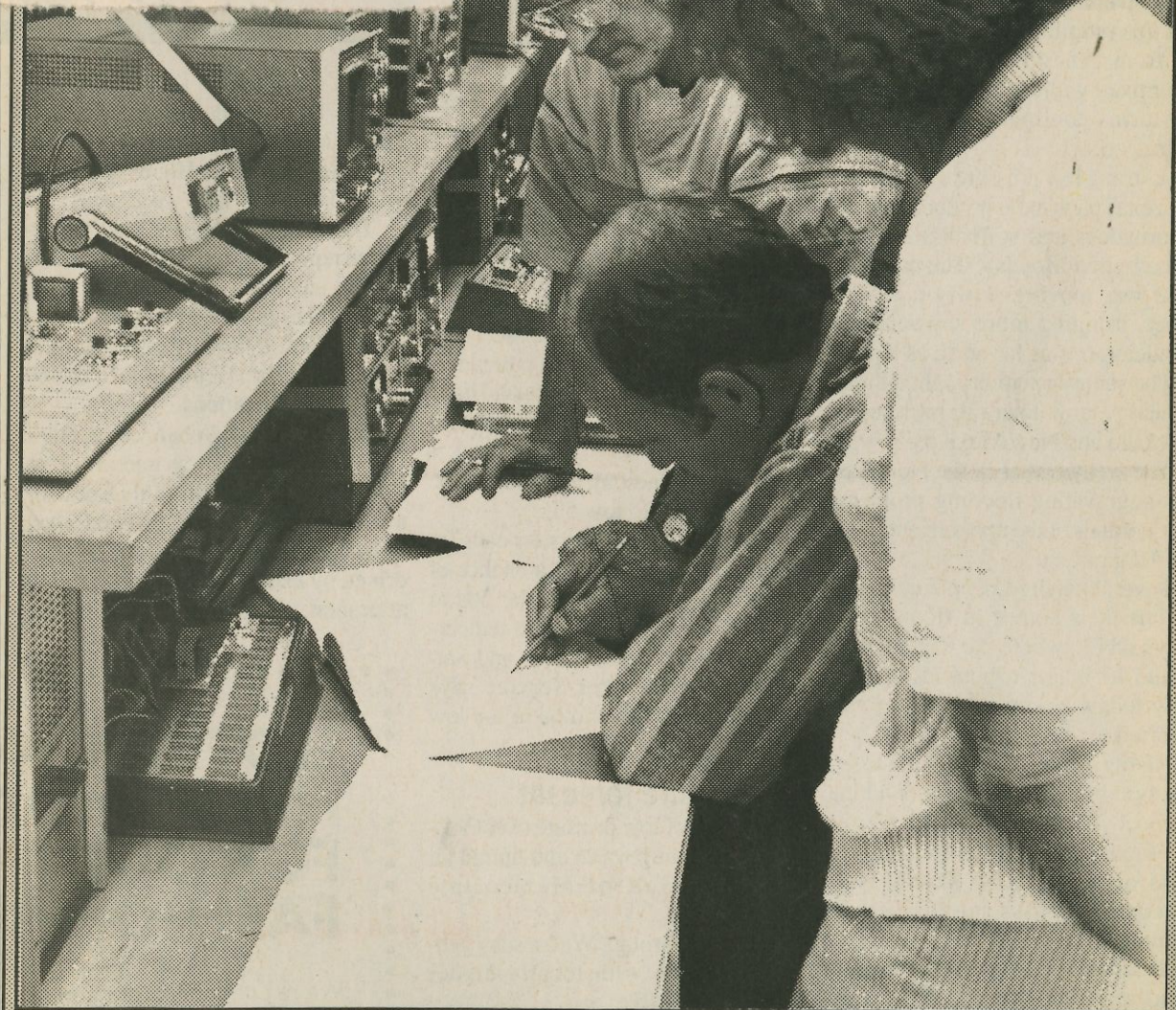
based on financial need, for about seven years. According to Vaughn Kesterson, counselor at OTC, the students selected to receive the scholarships have received no outside aid from any other source, including Pell Grants. Pictured are Kesterson, OTC President Ken Martin, Rogge, Gulley and Taylor.

Local Briefs

MALVERN — The Ouachita Technical College Board of Trustees will meet today at 5 p.m. at the college.

MALVERN — The Hot Spring County Memorial Hospital Board of Governors will meet Wednesday, March 31, at noon in the Professional Building.

March 30, 1993



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REACHING NEW HEIGHTS — Students in the electronics department at Ouachita Technical College will be among those featured in a special section in Wednesday's edition of the *Malvern Daily*

Record. The section will focus on OTC's transition from a vocational-technical school to a technical college and the challenges involved in that change.

Fund raising: Vital link in chain to accreditation

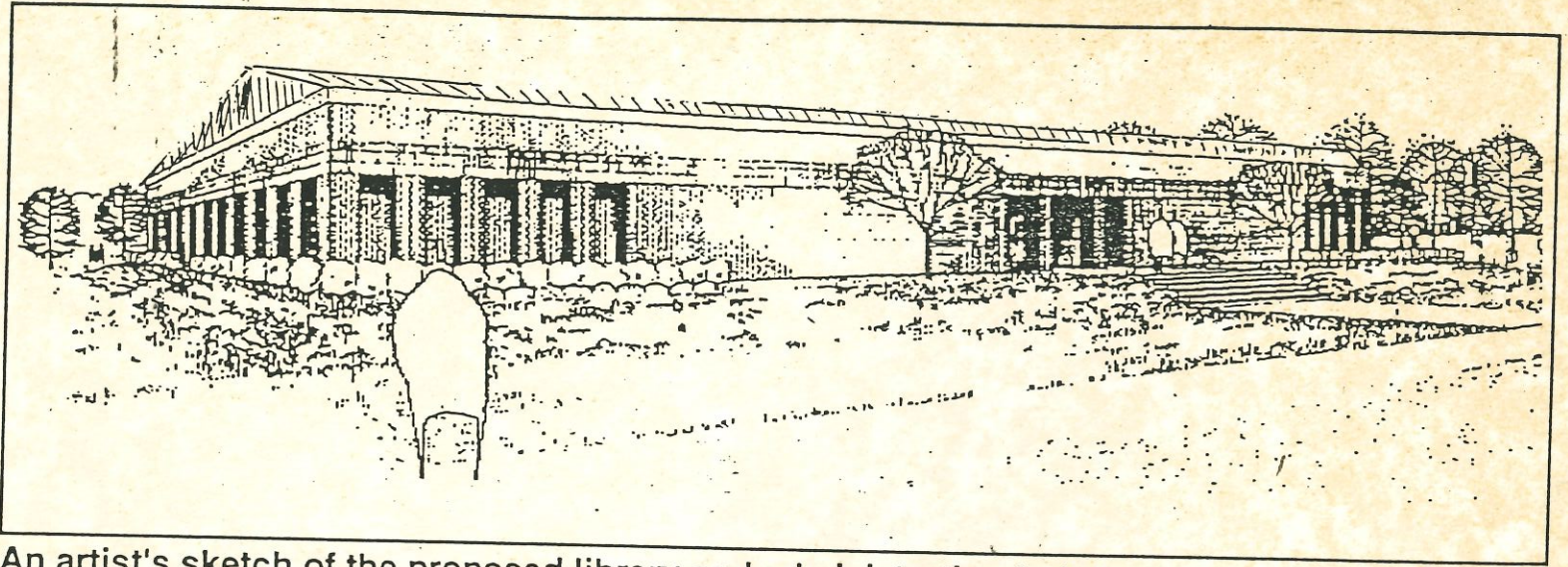
By MICHELLE GILLHAM
Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College and its supporters are in a race. President Ken Martin was first out of the gate when the state shot the starting gun with the announcement of matching funds available only until June 10.

The college, hoping for accreditation from the North Central Association, has to fulfill requirements of NCA to survive, according to Martin. By 1997, the school must be accredited, but to do so, money to fund necessary projects must be raised.

Because monies from the Workforce 2000 fund will match, dollar for dollar up to 250,000, money raised by technical colleges, Martin jumped at the opportunity to double the college's money.

With plans for the future and knowledge of the matching funds, Martin and others con- sidered with the advancement of



An artist's sketch of the proposed library and administration building.

the college formed OTC Futures Unlimited, Inc., with the initial goal of raising \$250,000 for matching funds.

"The ultimate purpose (of the foundation)" says Martin, "is to enhance the ability (of the college) to help students come and become productive in the work force."

Martin sees the foundation working in three phases. The initial phase, as explained,

would be to raise the stock funds, which would only give the college about one-third of what is needed to build the necessary facilities to make the transition to a viable technical college.

Phase two would raise additional funding for a learning resource building.

Renovation of the current facilities would be the focus of phase three, which would then,

as Martin says, allow the foundation "to get down to business."

The imminent goal of the foundation is to secure endowments to help those students unable to afford furthering their education.

Funds collected currently, Martin stresses, are all going toward the matching money. Until the first goal of raising the full amount to be matched is

reached, no administrative costs will be taken from the proceeds.

Although anything under \$250,000 the foundation raises will be matched, Martin has his eye toward the heavens, looking for the maximum amount to help the college.

Explaining why there is such a push for the quarter million dollars, Martin says, "We

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LIFESTYLES



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Senators and officers of OTC's Student Government Association.

OTC Student Senate plans participation in goal achievement

Special to the Daily Record
By **CHARLES TURNER**, president
OTC Student Government

As Ouachita Technical College's pursuit to become a fully accredited two-year technical college progresses, the school has been required to institute many new changes. One such change believed to be necessary to the success of this achievement was the formation of a student government. On Feb. 17, with the support of the school administrator, Dr. Ken Martin, elections were held selecting one representative from each program to create OTC's first Student Government Association Senate.

With a new cooperative relationship established between the students

In addition to creating a needed line of communication between the students and administration, the newly formed organization's primary objective will be to sponsor projects beneficial to the students of OTC.

One of the projects being developed is the operation of the school bookstore. The store will handle various items the students may want or need, as well as the purchase and resale of used books.

Other projects being developed include an alumni association, a school news letter, the development of a SGA Scholarship Fund, and even a multi-family rummage sale, which will be held in the near future, to raise funds for student activities.

cers of Ouachita Technical College's Student Government Association are: (left to right, front) Wesley Malone, parliamentarian/reporter; Charles Turner, president; Daniela Stanley, secretary/historian; (center) Tracy Warner, vice-president internal affairs; Liz Pfeiffer, vice-president external affairs; Larry Moore, treasurer; (back) John Allen, air conditioning and refrigeration; Charles Newman, machine shop; Alton Tankersley, diesel services; Bonnie Hannie, nursing; Bessie Williams, food service; and Amber White, accounting. Not pictured are representatives Angelia Butterworth, business office technology; Robin instructor.

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think the students will be shocked by an increase."

Martin said the extra \$1.25 would be restricted to parking, building use and SGA. "We can't go into those funds for money for other projects." Board secretary Lenore Leeper said she wanted to see the tuition upped to an even \$35 to provide more money for maintenance and SGA activities.

The board voted to approve an increase to \$34.25, with Leeper voting against the motion.

In other action, the board approved a code of ethics statement. Jay Lewis Moles said the NCA is requiring ethical standards of conduct from institutions seeking accreditation or candidacy. "We're going to be held (by NCA) to those standards. We decided just to have an institutional code of ethics statement," Moles said.

The statement the board voted to adopt is a "broad," Moles said, and covers areas such as courtesy, leadership, performance, and leadership.

Board President George McClure, Jr., said NCA's criteria has improved OTC "even further than intended. We're learning a lot about ourselves and where we stand as a school. I think a lot of good things have come about."

Dean of Finance Bob Jones told the board the Futures Unlimited Foundation's fund-raising campaign is about to "kick into second gear." He

said OTC faculty and staff participated "100 percent" in an internal fund-raising drive, which brought in \$9,907 in money and pledges.

McClure said the foundation's external drive has so far raised \$78,000 toward its \$250,000 goal. If the college can meet that goal, the state will provide matching funds to total \$500,000. That money will be used to further OTC's accreditation drive.

"I'm pleased with the progress we've made," McClure said. "We're a third of the way toward meeting our goal, and we did it in a very short period of time."

In other business, Jones said a local construction company, Wayne Neighbors, submitted the low bid on a building renovation project to begin in two weeks on the campus. Neighbors offered a bid of \$49,500 for the \$60,000 project, Jones said. He said the company plans to complete the renovation by June 1.

Martin told the board the college's SGA — composed of Charles Turner, Skip Warner, Wesley Malone, Stanley, and Larry Moore — "has really taken the tiger by the tail" in voicing their concerns for OTC.

"They've shown phenomenal interest in the operation of this college," Martin said. "It makes sense to have an SGA because students are the consumers of our product. They should be closely involved in OTC's administration, and they're an active bunch."

The SGA will report to Martin what they see are areas of concern that relate directly to students.

Fees remain area's lowest OTC Board approves \$9.25 tuition increase

By DAN MARSH
Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College approved a tuition increase for the 1993-94 semesters, a code of ethics for the school, and discussed the fund raising campaign for North Central Association accreditation, at Wednesday's meeting of the board of trustees.

OTC President Ken Martin said the amount of money the Arkansas Department of Higher Education will allot for the college's budget is based on a tuition increase, from \$25 to \$33.

"Our budget is going to be based on that figure," Martin said. "The state is recommending that we increase our current fee to at least \$33 in order to get our bottom-line budget for next year."

Martin said he recommended the increase, and asked for an additional \$1.25 to fund other projects on campus.

He said \$1 of the additional money would be split evenly between building maintenance and improving

OTC's parking facilities. The other 25 cents would set up a budget for the college's recently-formed Student Government Association.

"We have to find some additional sources of revenue to legitimize the college," Martin said. The extra \$1.25 tacked onto the increase would pay for improved lighting in the parking lot and resurfacing.

Board member Dewey Stiles asked if the tuition increase would hurt OTC competitively. Martin said OTC's tuition would remain well below those of Garland County Community College, Henderson State University, and technical colleges in Saline County and Pine Bluff.

Dean of Finance Bob Jones said GCCC's tuition is \$45 per credit hour, and HSU's is \$68.

Danielle Stanley, an SGA member, said students were expecting an increase in tuition, since the college is seeking NCA accreditation. "I don't

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Richardson, Prugh join college staff

By DAN MARSH
Staff Writer

A Malvern resident has been chosen to direct Ouachita Technical College's marketing efforts, according to OTC President Ken Martin.



**KATHY RICHARDSON
Joins OTC staff**

Kathy Richardson will start Monday as Coordinator of Development and Community Outreach, Martin said. Richardson will supervise the efforts of the OTC Futures Unlimited Foundation and direct the college's marketing plans and public relations programs.

A graduate of Malvern High School, Richardson has an extensive background in community relations and business, with a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Richardson was employed as general manager at KBOK AM-FM, which is owned by her father, Kermit.

Richardson has been heavily involved in community service. She has served on the Malvern Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, and as

the chamber's vice-president and president. Richardson chaired the chamber's Community Awareness Committee.

She served on the Arkansas Associated Press Broadcasters Association board of directors, and is currently chairperson and race director of the Malvern Brickfest 5K Run. She is a member of the Malvern Rotary Club, and is associated with Teamwork Arkansas Leadership and Industrial Marketing Training, in cooperation with the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission and Arkansas Power & Light.

Martin also announced the hiring of a new vice-president at OTC.

Dr. Susan Elizabeth Prugh will begin her new position at the college as vice-president and dean for Instruction and Student Affairs, on April 26. Martin said in his absence, Prugh will take over operations of the school.

"I have to become more involved in being an external president," Martin said, "dealing with the legislature and other business."

Martin said Prugh will "put together our instruction and student services departments administratively. For the good of the students and administration, the two divisions need to be close together, and she's going to handle

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OTC briefing

•Ouachita Technical College will host an open meeting for briefing on activities of the North Central Association National Conference in Chicago.

Holy Week services

•First Presbyterian Church, 318 Ash, will host its annual community noon services during Holy Week. A light lunch will be served today following a message by Rev. Larry Powell of First United Methodist.

Literacy training

•Change a life: Teach someone how to read at the Hot Spring County Literacy Council tutor training workshop at the county library today and Thursday. For more information, call 332-4039.

OTC fund raising

•Vice chairs and team captains of the Major Gifts fund raising committee at Ouachita Technical College will meet in the OTC community room at 3 p.m.

OTC Board

•The OTC Board of Trustees will

meet at 5 p.m. in the OTC community room.

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that."

Prugh most recently served as dean of instruction at Indiana Vocational Technical College in Munie, Ind.

She received her doctorate of philosophy from the University of Texas at Austin; her master's in human services management from Boston University; and her bachelor's in psychology at the University of Mary-