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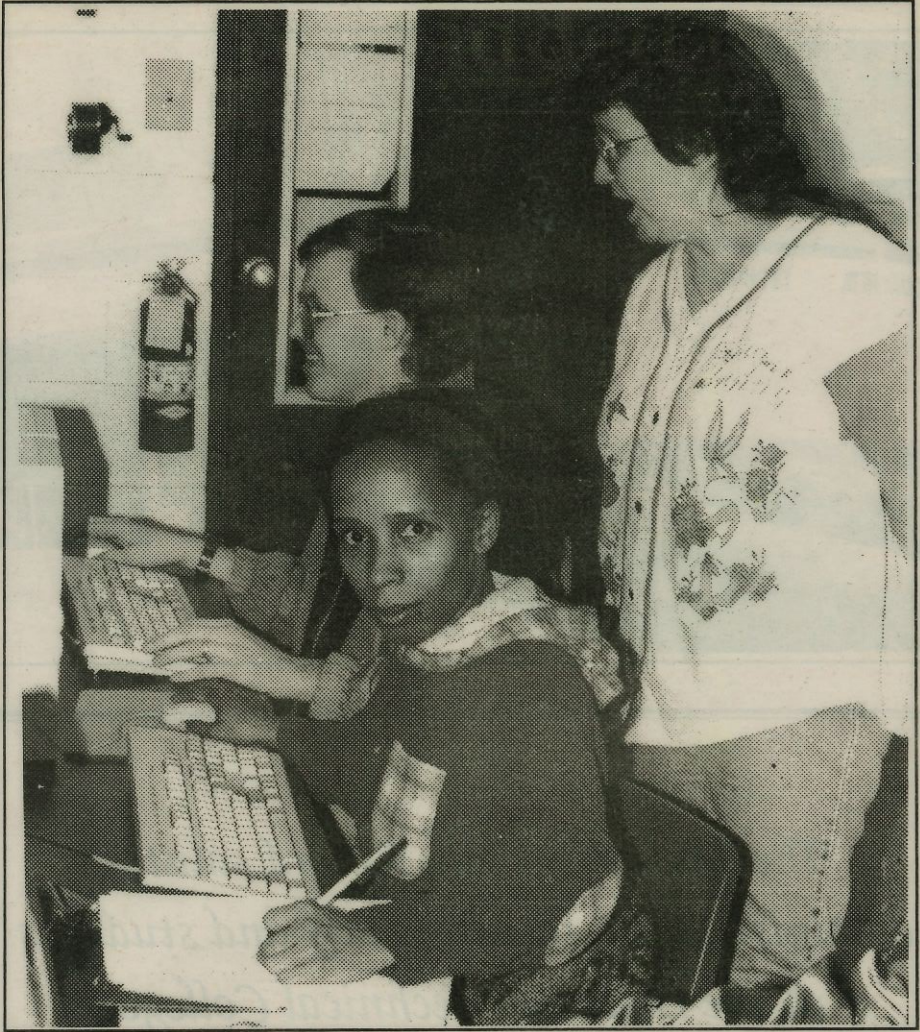


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WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK — Thomas "J.R." McJunkin, maintenance worker at OTC, works painting the new CIS Lab expected to open this fall.



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Students learn about computers in the PLATO lab.



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OTC faculty refuse to accept cut in summertime pay

By **DON DAILEY**
Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College faculty, upset at a proposal that would have cut their summer-school salary, have forced the OTC administration to restore full funding to the summer-school salary portion of the proposed 1996-97 budget.

Seventeen faculty members attended a special OTC Board of Trustees Finance Committee meeting Tuesday at the college to discuss the changes in the summer supplemental salaries.

In order to cut costs the college had made a proposal to pay summer-school teachers \$25 per hour instead of the usual 23.5 percent of their regular school

year pay.

The difference in pay levels would have saved the college almost \$23,000, but would have substantially cut the summer salaries of those instructors.

Mathematics Instructor Pat Simms told the board that the proposal would have cut his summer salary by 50 percent.

According to OTC President Ken Martin, a meeting was held April 23 between the faculty and Martin, Vice President Susan Azbell and Dean of Finance Roger Coomer to iron out the summer salary issue.

Both sides agreed to restore the 23.5 percent plan and cut all travel expens-

es by 50 percent, with a few exceptions, in order to balance the budget.

The committee approved the change back to the original salary structure.

"I feel pretty good that we were able to continue this (23.5 percent plan) for another year," Martin said.

Faculty members were upset because they did not find out about the change until the proposed budget was presented to the OTC board of trustees in early April.

Martin said the meeting with the faculty prompted last night's finance committee meeting.

Board of Trustees Chairman Steve Faris said the board was kept in the

dark about the changes to the summer supplements even longer than the faculty members.

"Prior to getting notice of last night's meeting, I was unaware that those summer supplements had changed," Faris said Wednesday morning.

The board indicated a displeasure with the proposed budget and decided more time was needed to examine the numbers.

"That's the reason they didn't take any action on it yesterday," Finance Committee Chairman Pete Paladino said Wednesday.

"I think this incident with the faculty points out the need for the board to

look at this budget a little more closely," Faris said during the meeting.

During the regular monthly meeting of the board of trustees following the finance committee meeting, the board declined to approve the budget and scheduled another finance committee meeting for May 7 to examine the budget.

"I can't, in good faith and good conscience, vote on this budget right now," trustee LaNoire Dawkins Leeper said.

The Arkansas Board of Higher Education requires a preliminary budget summary May 6. A final budget is due

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June 15.

A Building Committee meeting was held immediately after the regular board meeting for the college to inform representatives of the Malvern City Council of the progress on the OTC building project.

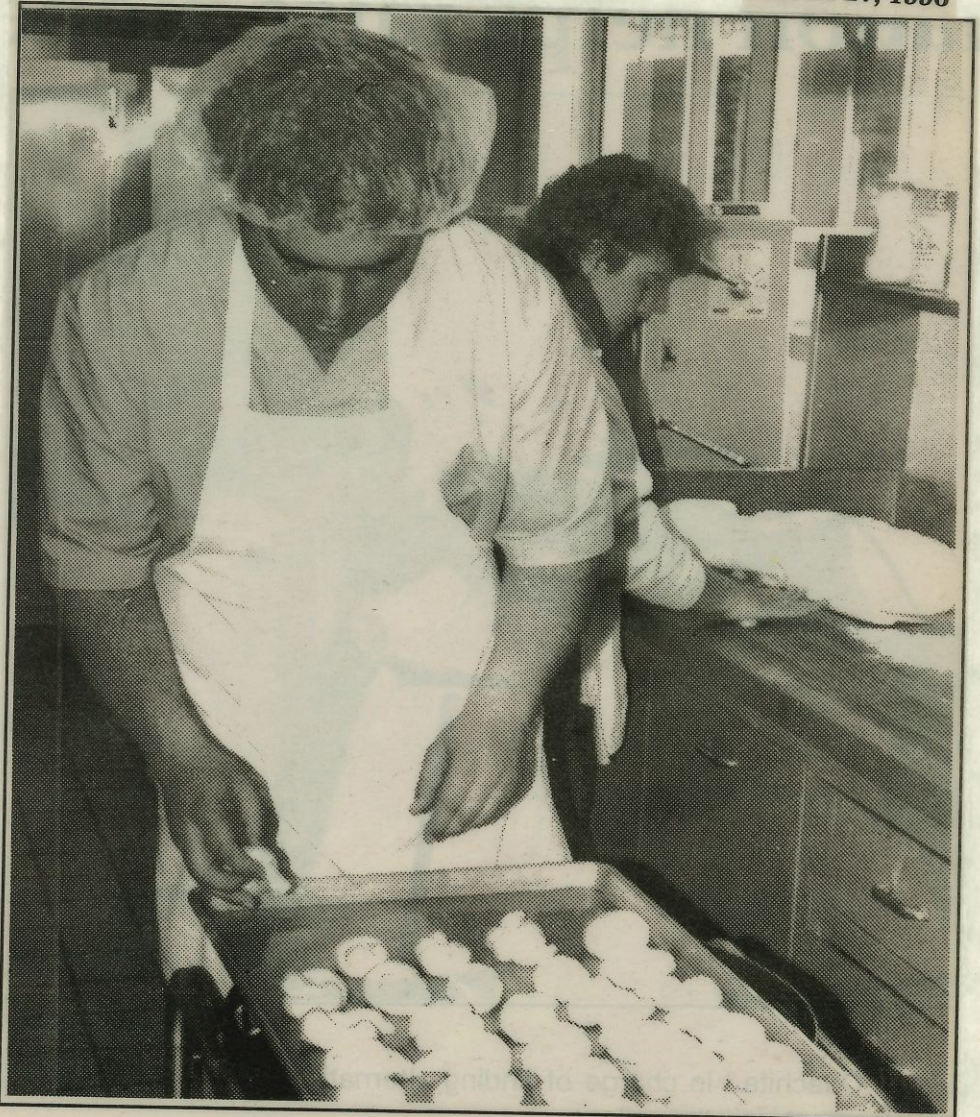
Martin told the three-member contingent from the city council the college is ready to go ahead with the plans, but some cooperation from the city council is needed.

The council has been collecting the money from the half-cent sales tax, so any building built with that money would belong to the city. In order for the college to use any state-provided funds, the building would have to be owned by the college.

In order for the two funding sources to work together, the city will have to agree to deed over the building to the college when construction is complete, Martin said.

The city council half of the committee agreed to take the information back to the full council for its consideration.

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Daily Record photo- Dailey

Cooking student David Bohnet serves up some rolls.



October 10, 1996



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HERE'S THE PLAN — Dr. Ken Martin, president of Ouachita Technical College, presents a plan on behalf of the college, Malvern National Bank and Hot Spring County to superintendents of the Dawson Educational Cooperative.





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OUACHITA TECHNICAL COLLEGE — held a cookout for students interested in the newly formed Black Students' Association. Approximately 55 students were in attendance. They enjoyed a meal of grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and the trimmings.

Janyce Butler welcomed all minority students to Ouachita Technical College's campus, gave the purpose of the organization, and acquainted them with services available on the campus. All students introduced themselves, told their residents city and major area of study. Following the meal, students participated in a sing-along conducted by Lynette Smith, Mary Virginia McNeely, Lynn Mitchell, and Clara George. A 30-minute social concluded the Black Students Association cookout. All interested students are invited to join this organization. See Janyce Butler in the OTC Student Services office to sign up.



October 25, 1996



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NEW OFFICERS — The Ouachita Technical College Chi Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda held its officer installation ceremony Oct. 9 on the OTC campus. Bonnie Jean Stanley, right, a professional member of PBL, served as the installing officer. New officers are, from right,

Mary Beth Willix, president; Julie Wilson, vice president; Lori Stafford, secretary; Olga Jester, treasurer; Tara Anderson, public relations and Student Government Association representative; and Brontie Richardson, parliamentarian.



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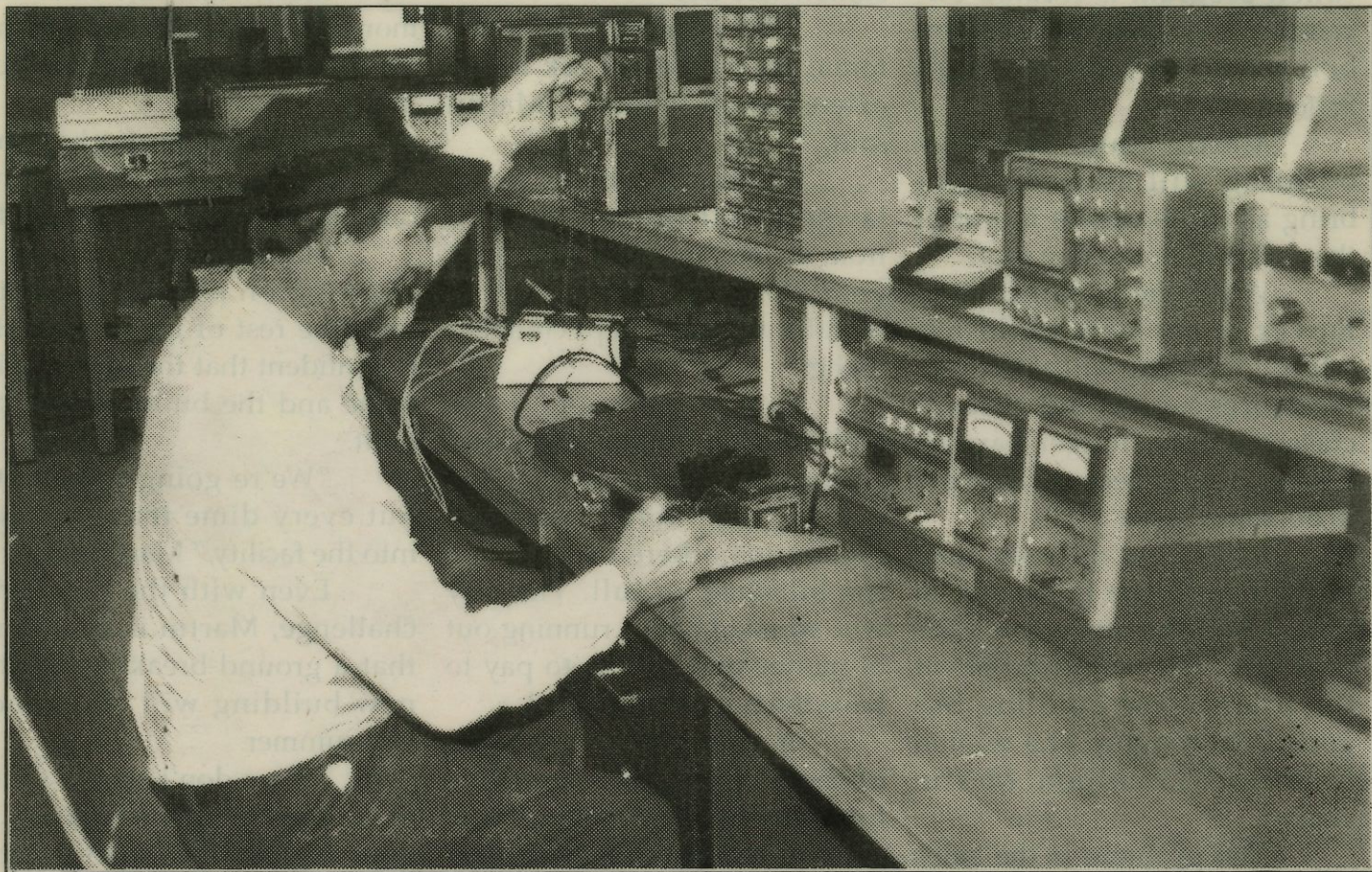


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CHIEF FUND-RAISER — Christi Etienne, Ouachita Technical College's new director of development, is in charge of finding alternative funding sources for the college.



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LET'S SEE... — Thomas "J.R." McJunkin, maintenance worker at Ouachita Technical College, works with a machine testing electrical circuits.





(PHOTO SUBMITTED)

BSA hosted first luncheon

The newly formed Ouachita Technical College Black Students' Association held its first luncheon Thursday, Sept. 19, in the Ron Moore Community room. As part of the 59 people attending the luncheon, a contingent part was made up of faculty, staff, and out-of-town guests.

Dr. Emma K. Rhodes, GED Test Administrator with the Department of Education in Little Rock, was the guest speaker. She began her talk by prioritizing the "Events that BSA is responsible for," taken from the BSA brochure that was distributed at the luncheon. The three events selected were: the BSA should promote minority-majority relations in the campus environment; should serve as an open channel of communication for its members between the Student Government Association, faculty, and administration with respect to

opinions, wishes and needs of students; and should work with faculty to expand course offerings promoting cultural diversity and African American studies. She also urged the group to be aware of the times we live in and always keep our attitudes and different needs in focus, be prepared/proactive, set the tone by what we say or do, think positive, persevere, empathize, and synergize-work together.

Dr. Susan Azbell explained the objective of the BSA and introduced the newly elected BSA officers. Pictured above are president Janyce Butler; vice-president Ronald Morgan; secretary Mary V. McNeely; treasurer Brontie Richardson; parliamentarian Inga Weaver; reporter Linda George-Buck, and faculty advisors Lynette Smith, Lisa Duncan, and Zelma Jones.





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OTC STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION-Advisors and Executive Council members of the Student Government Association of Ouachita Technical College attended the 19th annual Texas Tech Leadership and Diversity Conference held in Lubbock, Texas, Feb. 9-10, 1996. Those attending included advisors Tressie McJunkin and Pat

Simms, and SGA officers, president Von Michael, vice president Sherlyn Rood, and treasurer Shara Sievers.





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OTC HONOR SOCIETY ATTENDS CONVENTION-The Alpha Omega Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Ouachita Technical College in Malvern recently received several awards at the 1996 Oklahoma/Arkansas Regional Convention at Oklahoma State University in Oklahoma City, Okla. Pictured (l-r, front row) Kelly Beverage, Shara Sievers, Advisor Tressie McJunkin, Sherlyn Rood, Von Michael, Lynda Willingham (back row) Mary Beth, Tommy Amason, April Goyne, Advisor Ronnie Thompson. Alpha Omega Sigma has achieved the two-star status for chapter programs that are based on a five-star guidebook. Ronnie Thompson received recognition into the advisors Hall of Honor for the second year. Shara Sievers received recognition in the members Hall of Honor. These awards are based on outstanding service and commitment to chapter. Juanita Malone won third place in the Creative Awards, Short Story Division, for her essay entitled "A Hillbilly's Summer Vacation." The Alpha Omega Sigma Chapter was awarded first place for their skit regarding the Honors Study Topic, "Rights, Privileges, and Responsibilities: An Indelicate Balance."



Faris is chair of OTC board

Feb. 14, 1996

By DON DAILEY
Staff Writer

The Ouachita Technical College Board of Trustees welcomed a new member to the board and elected a new chairman and vice chairman at Tuesday's regular monthly meeting.

Pete Paladino was appointed to the board by Arkansas Governor Jim Guy Tucker to fill the unexpired term of former chairman Jim Ferguson, who has accepted a job offer out of state. The term will expire on June 30.

Vice Chairman Steve Faris was elected to fill the chairman's slot and Lacy Landers was moved into the vice chairman position.

The board voted to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Ferguson after a short executive session.

Paladino is the business and industrial development officer for Malvern National Bank.

"Pete is going to be a good board member, but we hate to lose Jim, of course," OTC President Dr. Ken Martin said.

Director of Enrollment June Prince announced the official spring semester student head count at 609 students, a 7 percent increase over the fall 1995 count of 568.

"Traditionally spring enrollment is below fall enrollment," Prince told the board. "We were excited to break 600 students."

"Since spring 1993 we've gone up significantly each semester," Prince added.

OTC is on the final lap in the race toward accreditation by the North Central Association, the school accrediting body for the middle U.S., Prince said.

Prince told the board that she and Martin flew to Chicago to make a presentation to the NCA on Jan. 22.

"Dr. Martin did an outstanding job presenting OTC to the committee," Prince said.

The committee recommended OTC for a full five year accreditation and NCA will make the final decision near the end of February, Prince said.

The board approved the travel of Faris to Washington D.C. to attend the Association of Community College Trustees annual Legislative Seminar, a training session on legislative issues pertaining to the operation of colleges.

Faris announced that Martin has been listed in Who's Who of Executives and Professionals.