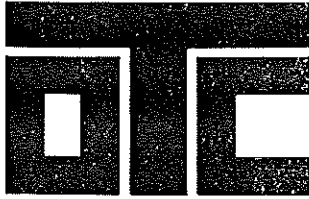


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IN AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY**

+ \*Michael Beck

Automotive Service

**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN DEGREE  
IN BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

\*Marjory A. Bradford  
+ \*Cynthia Ferrier  
Harold Hardin  
Raymond Michael Harris  
+ \*Joan M. Mooney  
\*Wendy Renea Terry

Automated Office Technology  
Automated Office Technology  
Accounting  
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**TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE**

Patricia Burks  
\*Sonya Leigh Pantano

Computer Applications Technology  
Automated Office Technology

**AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION TECHNOLOGY**

\*Michael D. Howard  
\*Michael D. Howard

Basic Certificate of Proficiency  
Advanced Certificate of Proficiency

**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY**

\*Tommy J. Webb, Jr.

Industrial Electronics

**PROFESSIONAL COOKING TECHNOLOGY**

Stephanie R. Smith

Technical Certificate

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BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**\* Sue Herrera**

**Accounting**

**\* Lisa Ann Jordan**

**Accounting**

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BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**\* Susan D. Buie  
Bonnie F. Pearl**

**Accounting  
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**AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION TECHNOLOGY**

**James Nile Norman**

**Technical Certificate**

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MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY**

**+\*Greg Conant**

**Industrial Maintenance Technology**

**\* Jerry David Whiteside**

**Industrial Maintenance Technology**

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BUSINESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**Carolyn Joyce Beck**

**Accounting**

**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN  
MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY**

**John Joseph Morrison**

**COMPUTER APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY**

**Rachuel Lynnette Felts**

**Virginia Styers**

**Technical Certificate**

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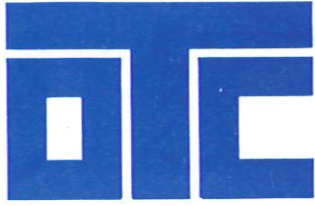
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**Karen Ann Mooney**

**Technical Certificate**



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**AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION TECHNOLOGY**

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*Allen U. Jackson	Certificate of Proficiency
Ronald E. Morgan	Technical Certificate
*Kevin Ray Thibeau	Certificate of Proficiency
*Gregory Whitlock	Certificate of Proficiency

**AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY**

*Terry G. Draper	Diploma
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**BUSINESS AND OFFICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY**

*Associate of Applied Science Degree in Business Information Technology*

*Rita Kathryn Fields	Automated Office Technology
+Elizabeth K. Pfeiffer	Accounting

*Automated Office Technology*

*Cynthia Ferrier	Technical Certificate
Cari Lynn Finney	Technical Certificate

*Business Data Processing*

Shannon Renee Brown	Technical Certificate
Sharon G. Callison	Technical Certificate
Lisa M. Davis	Technical Certificate

*Computer Applications Technology*

*Jill Marie Finley	Technical Certificate
*Sheila Kelly	Technical Certificate
*Ann Williams	Technical Certificate

**DIESEL SERVICE TECHNOLOGY**

*Alton D. Tankersley	Diploma
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**FOOD SERVICE TECHNOLOGY**

*Deborah Renee Lowry	Technical Certificate
Steven E. McJunkin	Technical Certificate



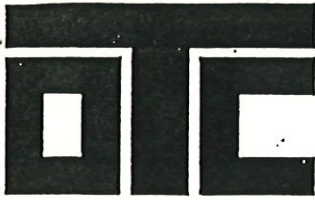
INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE TECHNOLOGY

W.T. "Travis" Hendrix

Diploma

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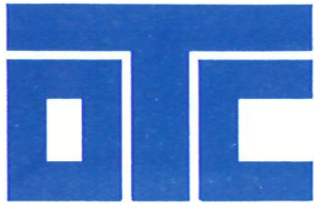
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**BUSINESS AND OFFICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY**

*Associate of Applied Science Degree in Business Information Technology*

Sheila Camp

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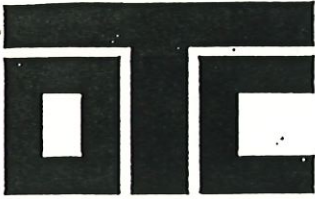
Technical Certificate

**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN  
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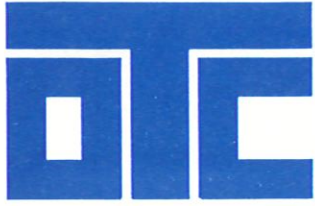
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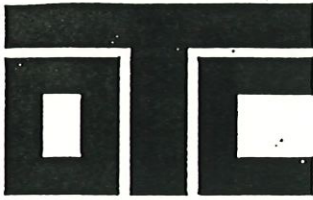
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Timothy Muse

DIESEL SERVICE TECHNOLOGY

Diploma



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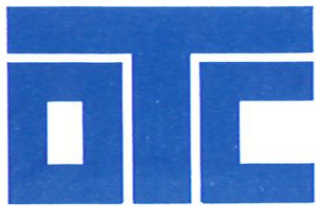
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**BUSINESS AND OFFICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY**

*Business Data Processing*

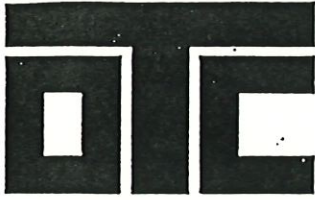
\*Cheryl Lynn Hudell    Technical Certificate

*Secretarial and Word Processing*

Belinda Kaye Nix    Technical Certificate

**DIESEL SERVICE TECHNOLOGY**

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**AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION TECHNOLOGY**

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*Carrol E. Jackson	Certificate of Proficiency

**BUSINESS AND OFFICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY**

	<i>Business Data Processing</i>	
Janette Thornberry		Technical Certificate

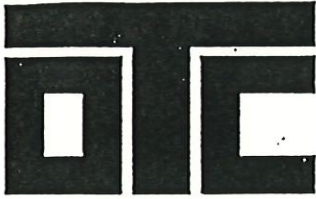
**DIESEL SERVICE TECHNOLOGY**

Jerrel Lindsey McCallister	Diploma
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**FOOD SERVICE TECHNOLOGY**

John Thomas Estes	Technical Certificate
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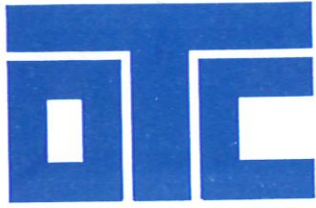
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ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE IN  
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Charles Mark Turner

Industrial Electronics Technology

*August 7, 1995*

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*August 3, 1995*

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*August 7, 1995*

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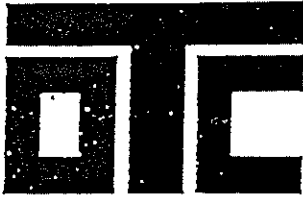
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*Ouachita Technical College*

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**October 20, 1994**

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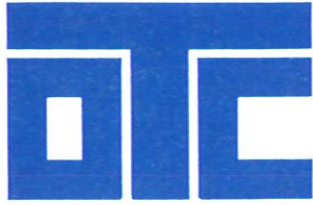
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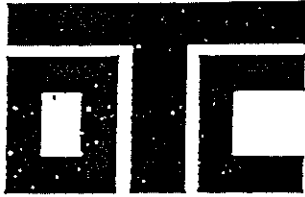
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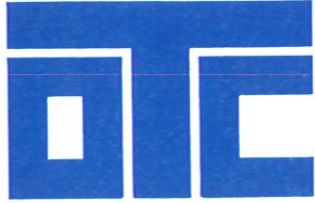
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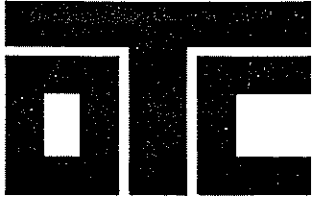
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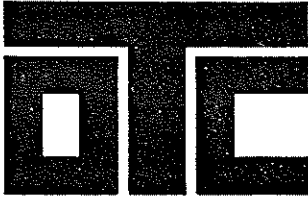
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**January 9, 1994**

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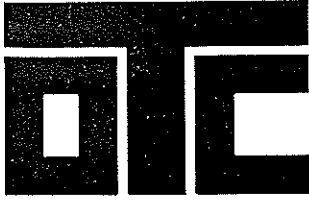
*December 28, 1994*

***Ouachita Technical College will hold New Student Orientation for first time students on Tuesday, January 3, from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Student Center. Registration for Spring Semester classes will be Wednesday, January 4, from 9:00 to 7:00 in the Student Center. For more information call 332-3658 or 1-800-337-0266.***

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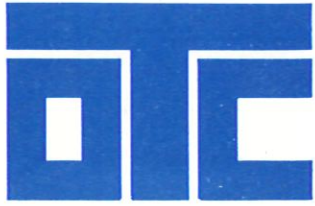
*October 24, 1994*

*The Adult Education Department of Ouachita Technical College will sponsor their annual Haunted House Spooktacular Friday, October 28, Saturday, October 29, and Monday, October 31, from 6:00 until 10:00 at 227 Harris St. across from KFC. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children 12 and under. Concessions will be provided by OTC Student Government Association and OTC Health Occupations Students of America.*



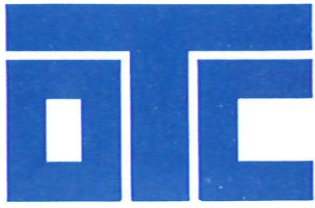
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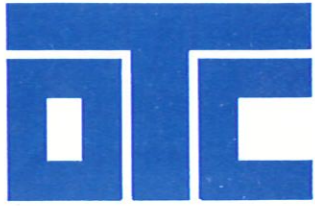
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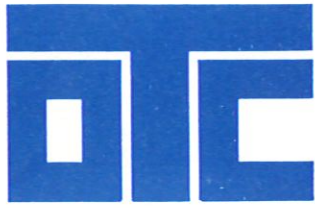
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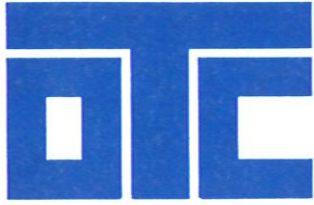
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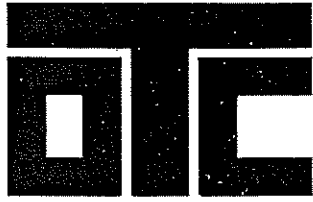
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*Ouachita Technical College*

**October 19, 1994**

***The Board of Trustees of Ouachita Technical College will meet Tuesday, October 25, at 5:00 p.m. in the Ron Moore Community Room. The public is welcome to attend. The Academic Committee and Finance Committee will meet prior to the board meeting at 4:00.***

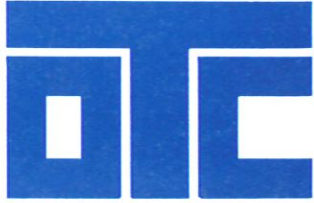


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## NEWS RELEASE

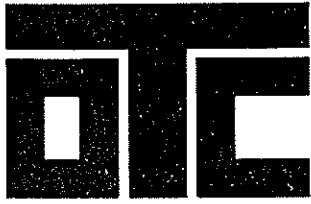
Ouachita Technical College in Malvern recently submitted a grant proposal to the State of Arkansas to fund a Gender Equity program to encourage non-traditional students to enter technical fields. On May 23, Ouachita Technical College was notified that the Gender Equity program would be funded. This program will serve to recruit women into fields of Diesel, Auto Service, Air Conditioning, Welding, Machine Tool, Electronics, and Industrial Maintenance. This program will also work to recruit men into fields of Nursing, Business, and Professional Cooking. Funds were made available for materials which will be used for recruitment, instructional supplies, and travel to conferences and workshops dealing with non-traditional students in technical fields. As a result, OTC will be receiving money from the Department of Vocational Education to hire a half-time person to act as a Gender Equity Coordinator. Qualifications for the position include a Bachelor's Degree, must be interested in recruitment, student services, and working with non-traditional and/or disadvantaged students. The program is scheduled to begin July 1.



*Ouachita Technical College*

January 14, 1994

The Board of Trustees of Ouachita Technical College will meet Tuesday, January 25, at 5:00 P.M. in the Ron Moore Community Room. The public is invited to attend.



January 5, 1994

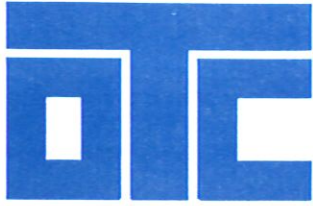
The Board of Trustees of Ouachita Technical College will meet in special session Tuesday, January 11, at 5:00 P.M. in the Ron Moore Community Room. The meeting is open to the public.



## **OTC President Honored in Who's Who Registry Worldwide**

Dr. Ken Martin, President of Ouachita Technical College, was recently nominated for and accepted into the Who's Who Registry Worldwide Registry for 1994-95. Memberships are limited to those individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and achievement in their occupation, industry, or profession. Representatives of the Registry indicate that the majority of new candidates who are nominated are not accepted for inclusion and extend their congratulations on receiving this coveted award.

The inclusion into the Registry brings the biographical listings for Dr. Martin to five. He is currently listed in Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 19th Edition, the Biographical Roll of Honor, Volume 3, Personalities of America, 4th Edition, and the Directory of Distinguished Americans, 4th Edition.



*Ouachita Technical College*

December 2, 1993

The Board of Trustees of Ouachita Technical College will meet Tuesday, December 7, at 5:00 P.M. in the Ron Moore Community Room. The meeting is open to the public.

The Foundation Committee of Ouachita Technical College will meet Thursday, December 9, at 5:00 P.M. in the Ron Moore Community Room. The meeting is open to the public.



# OTC earns NCA candidacy status

By AMY PARTAIN  
Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College received notification by telephone this morning that they have been approved for candidacy status by North Central Association, June Prince, NCA coordinator at OTC, said.

OTC will receive official notification from NCA through a formal letter, she said.

The full commission granted OTC the status after a recent meeting of the full commission of the NCA. An NCA evaluation team and an NCA review committee had both recommended that OTC be granted candidacy status.

Prince said candidacy status does not mean the college is now accredited. "It is a pre-accreditation status," she said. "We are being invited to try to become a fully accredited member."

Receiving candidacy status does entitle the college to some new perks, Prince said. The college can now claim affiliation with NCA, she said.

"Candidacy status is like getting the 'Good Housekeeping' Seal of Approval," she said. "Now we will be recognized by other institutions as a quality institution."

Another plus, Prince said, is

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that OTC students can continue to be eligible for financial aid. She said for the students to receive financial aid the college had to be certified by some organization after the college's certification as a vocational-technical college ran out.

OTC will also now be able to take over the general education requirements from Henderson State University. HSU now offers some general education courses on the OTC campus.

With the candidacy status in place, OTC will be able to offer these core classes and they will be transferable to any four-year college or university in the state, Prince said.

Dr. Ken Martin, president of OTC, said he fully intends to take over the general education courses in the summer.

"We have signed the amended contract with Henderson and plan to hit it off starting this summer," he said.

Prince said with the candidacy status in place there is also a

chance that some of the technical courses offered could be transferable to other institutions. She said this would be done on a course-by-course basis with each institution.

Receiving candidacy status puts OTC in a better position to receive accreditation, Prince said, but it does not guarantee the college will receive accreditation in the future.

"We are feeling really proud of ourselves," she said. "When we started, the state saw us as least likely to come up to par and we have surpassed that. We are looked at by other technical colleges as being the leading institution in the state."

Prince said the next step for the college will be to start the self-study process over. This second self-study will be due in 1995. She said the college will have to decide if they want the 1995 visit from the NCA evaluation team to be a continued candidacy visit or an accreditation visit.

The college has until 1997 to become accredited, according to the act that created technical colleges in the state.

Martin said he is going on the assumption that the 1995 will be

for accreditation.

"We have been hoping that if we get the local support we are looking for and get our new facility in place we would go for accreditation on the next visit," Martin said. "But we really can't make that decision for another year yet."

He said it will take between 16 and 18 months to put the new self-study together. Martin said basically they are having to go back to "square one" in the self-study process.

Prince said the study requires the institution to evaluate "where you are, where you are going and how you are going to get there."

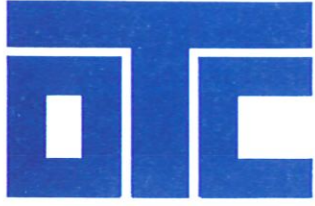
OTC's first self-study has received national recognition, she said.

The college only marginally met one of the NCA criteria with the evaluation team noting that OTC needed additional funding and more long range plans.

Martin said OTC will not get accreditation in the future if they only marginally meet the criteria.

"They will take a little closer look at us if we go for accreditation," he said. "We can't be marginal in anything and receive accreditation."

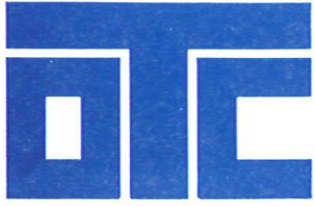
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*Ouachita Technical College*

November 10, 1993

The Ouachita Technical College Foundation Committee will meet in the Ron Moore Community Room, Tuesday, November 16, at 5:00. The meeting is open to the public.



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The Ouachita Technical College Foundation committee will meet Tuesday, October 19, at 5:00 PM in the Ron Moore Community Room.

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**OUACHITA TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
**CORRECTION TO REFRIGERANT RECOVERY AND RECYCLING CERTIFICATION**  
**TEST SCHEDULE**

A recent ruling by the Environmental Protection Agency states that the open book test for the Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling Certification will not be allowed after October 15. Due to this ruling, the class and exam will be rescheduled for **Thursday, October 14 from 8:00 - 2:00**. The schedule will be as follows:

8:00 - 11:00 - Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling Class  
11:00 - 12:00 - Lunch Break  
12:00 - 2:00 - Test



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### NEWS RELEASE

The Environmental Protection Agency's final rule on refrigerant recovery and recycling includes mandatory technician certification. The deadline for certification is November, 1994. E.P.A. has established a technician certification program which includes four levels:

- Type 1      For servicing small appliances.
- Type 2      For servicing or disposing of high or very high pressure appliances.
- Type 3      For servicing or disposing of low pressure appliances.
- Type 4      (Universal) For servicing all types of equipment.

Ouachita Technical College will offer the refrigerant recovery and recycling certification test on Friday and Saturday, October 15 and 16. The schedule for testing is:

Friday, 10-15-93

8:00-11:00 Class  
11:00-12:00 Lunch break  
12:00- 3:00 Class

Saturday, 10-16-93

8:00-11:00 Test

This class will be limited to 20 participants. To register, stop by the Admissions Office at Ouachita Technical College between 8:00 and 4:30 or call 332-3658. Total cost for the class, book, and test is \$60.00. Cletis Buie, instructor for the class and test recommends purchasing the book no later than October 8, 1993. It will be a closed book test.



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JULY 28, 1993

NEWS RELEASE

THERE WILL BE A THREE HOUR MINI SEMINAR CONCERNING ISO 9000 [INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ORGANIZATION] WHICH IS A FIVE QUALITY STANDARD SERIES USED BY MANUFACTURERS OF PRODUCTS THAT ARE SOLD INTERNATIONALLY.

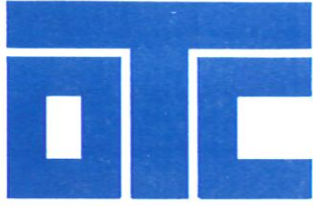
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THIS SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE MALVERN NATIONAL BANK OPERATIONS CENTER AT MAIN AND PAGE THE TIME WILL BE FROM 6-9:00 P.M. AUGUST 10, 1993.

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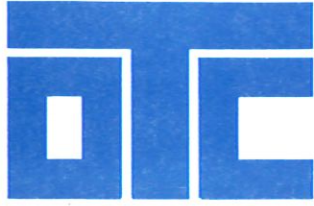
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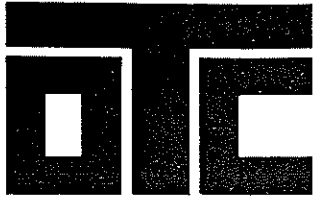
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**OUACHITA TECHNICAL COLLEGES'S STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION WILL HAVE A BAKE SALE THIS SATURDAY, JULY 10, AT RIVERPARK PLAZA IN FRONT OF WAL-MART IN MALVERN. ITEMS FOR SALE INCLUDE: COOKIES, BROWNIES, DINNER ROLLS, SWEET ROLLS, PIES, AND CAKES. THE BAKE SALE WILL START AT 9:00.**





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

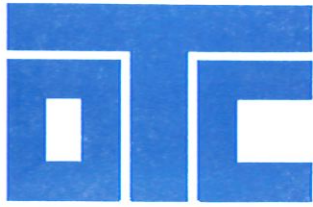
OUACHITA TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN MALVERN WILL HOLD A FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY, JULY 22, AT 6:00 PM IN THE STUDENT CENTER. O.T.C.'S COUNSELOR AND FINANCIAL AID OFFICER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON OBTAINING FINANCIAL AID. BEVERAGES AND LIGHT SNACKS WILL BE SERVED. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND. THIS SERVICE IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC.

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THE SEMINAR IS FREE AND ALL INTERESTED BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY PERSONNEL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LEON ASHCRAFT AT 332-3658.

# Nighttime degree available at OTC

By the Daily Record Staff

In 1991, what is now known as Ouachita Technical College went from a vocational-technical school to a technical college. This was the first of many changes in store for the college, according to Vice-President and Dean for Instructional and Student Affairs Susan Azbell.

On July 23, the State Board of Higher Education gave OTC the dis-

inction of being a degree-granting institution. Previously, what was Ouachita Vocational-Technical School could only grant technical diplomas.

To achieve this, OTC had to submit a program proposal to the state, prove there was a need for such a college, show research to prove the demand, and show that its faculty and facilities meet the standards.

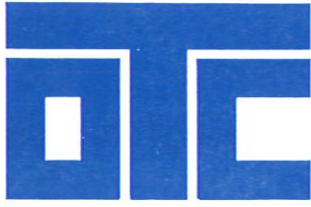
Students at the school can now not

only receive an associate's degree, but can pursue one as a nighttime or part-time student, on evenings or weekends.

Azbell says the addition of the Industrial Equipment Maintenance Technology program and the new degree plan are going to be major assets not only to the college, but to the ~~the~~ community as well. Some of the employment possibilities for this degree include industrial mechanics, millwrights, industrial equipment repairmen, field service technicians, and equipment installation technicians.

OTC is also making a vested effort in recruiting non-traditional students, women and minorities to the school. Azbell says, and scholarships, grants and loans are readily available.

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*Ouachita Technical College*

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 17, 1992

NEWS RELEASE

The Foundation Committee of Ouachita Technical College will meet in the Ron Moore Community Room at noon on Tuesday, December 22, 1992. This meeting is open to the public.

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Contact: Nell McCallister  
Executive Secretary  
Ouachita Technical College  
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OUACHITA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

August 25, 1993

The Board of Trustees of Ouachita Technical College will hold their annual retreat at the Majestic Resort-Spa in Hot Springs Friday and Saturday, August 27 and 28. The agenda for the retreat is:

**Friday, August 27**

- 12:50      **Welcome and Introductions (Poplar Room)**
- 1:00      Dr. Nancy Vandett, Coordinator of Articulation and Accreditation,  
Arkansas Department of Higher Education
- "What to Expect During the Accreditation Process"**
- 2:00      Dr. John McKay, Deputy Director for Technical Education, Arkansas  
Department of Higher Education
- "The Technical College in Arkansas Higher Education"**
- 3:00      **Break**
- 3:15      Ms. Barbara Anderson, Associate Director for Finance, Arkansas  
Department of Higher Education
- "Issues in Technical College Financing"**
- 4:15      Ms. Mary Beth Suddeth, Associate Director for Administration,  
Arkansas Department of Higher Education
- "Legal Issues Affecting the Board and the Technical College"**
- 5:15      **Break**
- 6:30      Dr. Ken Martin, President, Ouachita Technical College **(Poplar Room)**
- "The Board of Trustees in Strategic Planning"**

7:30            **Board of Trustees Meeting (Poplar Room)**

8:30?          **On Your Own**

**Saturday, August 28**

8:00            **Dr. H.D. Luck, Chairperson, Arkansas State Board of Higher Education**

**"The Role of the Trustee"**

**"Trustee and President Relationships"**

9:15            **Internal and External Dimension Evaluation Summary**

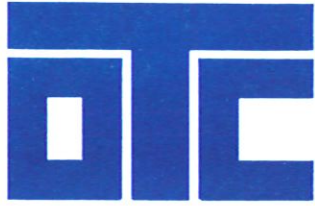
9:45            **Break**

10:00          **Strategic Planning Work Sessions**

11:30          **Retreat Wrap-Up and Evaluation**

12:00          **Adjournment - Recreation If You Want**

The public is welcome to attend.



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May 3, 1993

Ouachita Technical College will hold its annual commencement exercises this Thursday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Malvern High School auditorium. Seventy-two students will graduate this year with technical certificates or diplomas. The commencement address will be given by The Honorable Jimmie Lou Fisher, Treasurer of the State of Arkansas. Commencement exercises are open to the public. This year's graduates include:

May 3, 1993

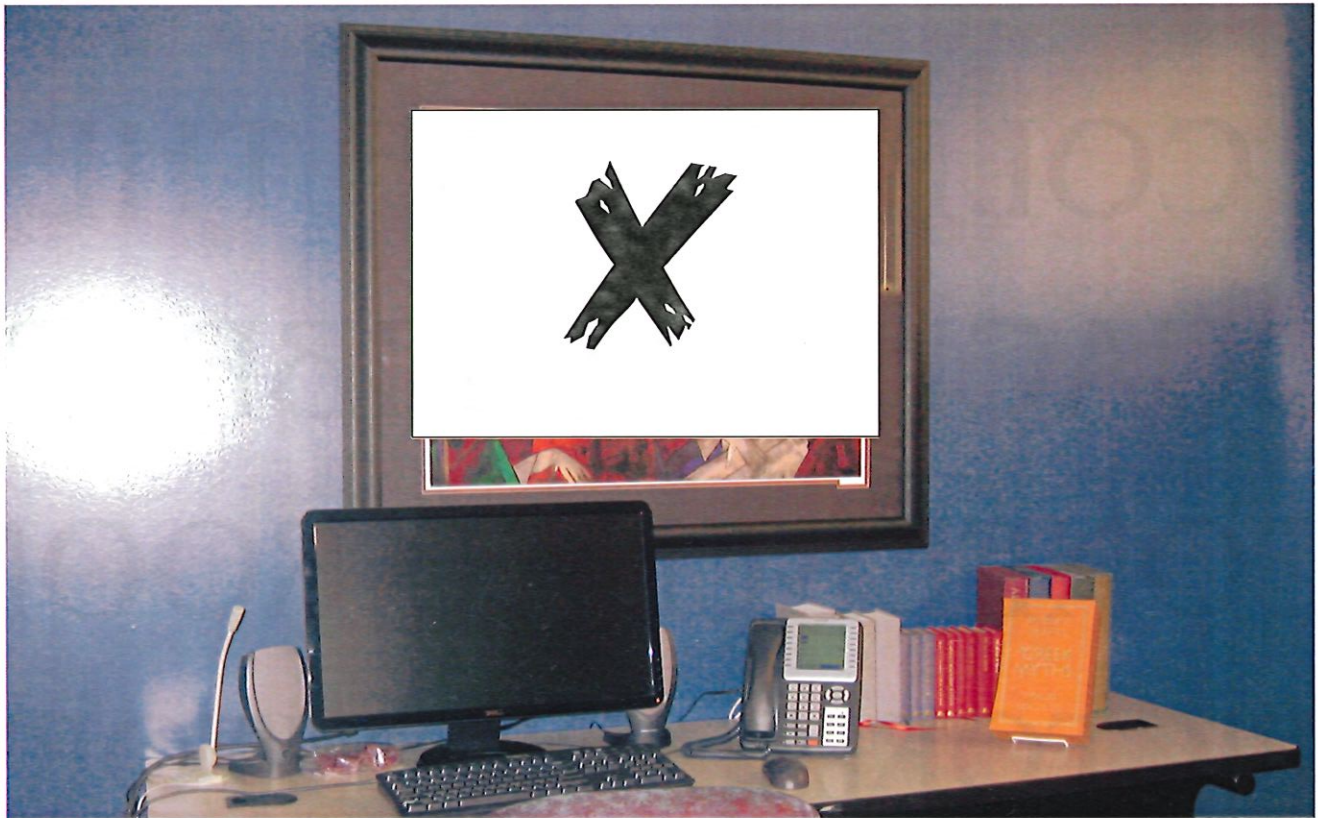
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# COLLEGE OF THE OUACHITAS LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM PICTORIAL INVENTORY

December 9, 2011





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- *Grand Orchestra* framed and matted print by Linda LeKinff – Print removed by Dr. Eggensperger, January 6, 2012
- Set of small blue books:
  - *Plato*: selections from Protagoras, Republic, Phaedrus, Gorgias
  - *Aristotle*: selections from Nicomachean Ethics Politics
  - *Socrates*: Plato: Charmides, Lysis, Laches, Symposium, Apology, Crito, Phaedo; Aristophanes: The Clouds; Xenophon: Symposium
- Set of small red books:
  - *The Hound of the Baskervilles & The Valley of Fear* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
  - *The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
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  - *The Aeneid* by Virgil
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  - *Introduction to Aristotle*
  - *Ideas and Opinions* by Albert Einstein
  - *Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo
- Set of boxed books:
  - *Alexander the Great* by Robin Lane Fox
  - *Cleopatra* by Jack Lindsay
  - *Hannibal* by Ernle Bradford
  - *Julius Caesar* by Christian Meier
  - *Nero* by Michael Grant
- Two-volume boxed set of *The Greek Myths* by Robert Graves



Globe and Monkey bookends  
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Electrical amp meter – Owned by COTO  
Found by Martin Eggenesperger in the “Four  
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Metal lamp, Antique adding machine and typewriter on loan from Linda Cunningham



OTC pennant owned by COTO Library

Framed and matted American Revolution Coins donated to COTO Library by Adrian Ashley

Print donated by Dr. Barry Ballard to the COTO Foundation, December, 2011, and placed in the Library Conference Room, January, 2012.



Abacus on loan from Pat Simms, Arts and Sciences Department



Nursing items loaned from the Nursing Department by Gerald Songer



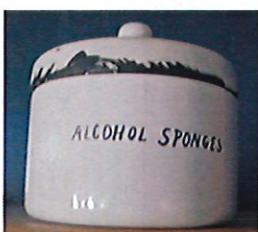
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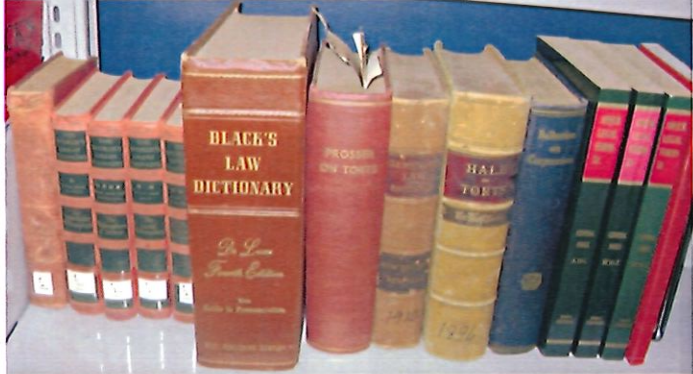


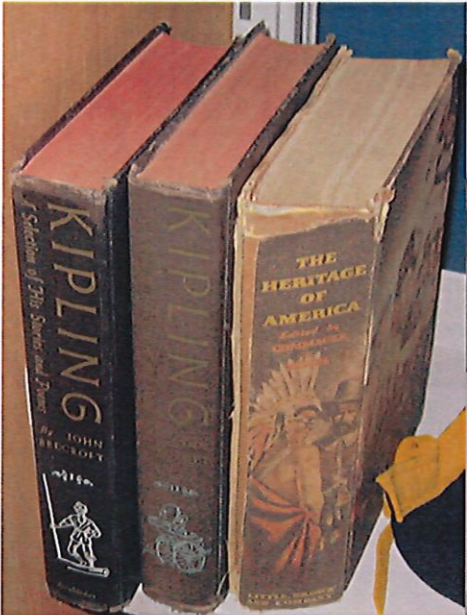
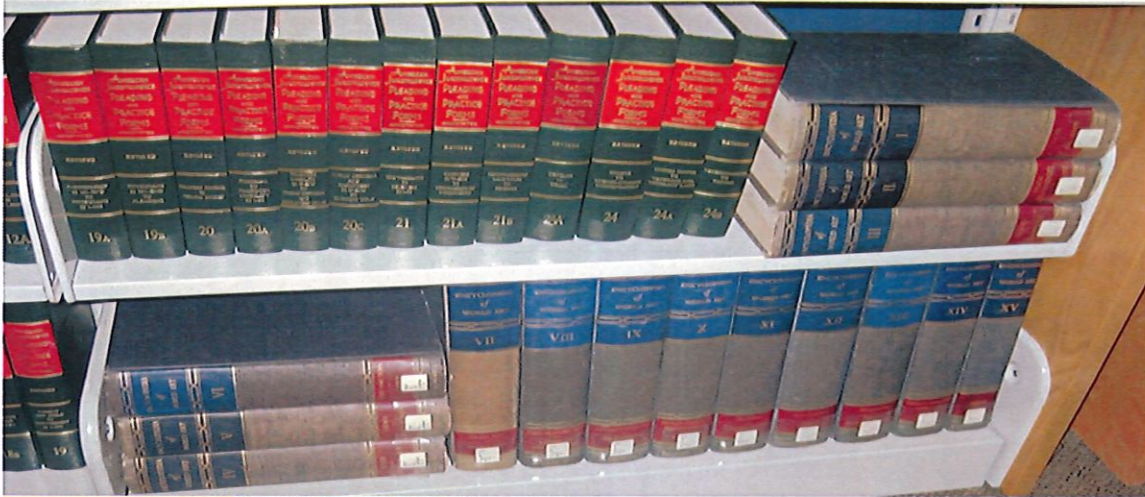
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Nursing cap

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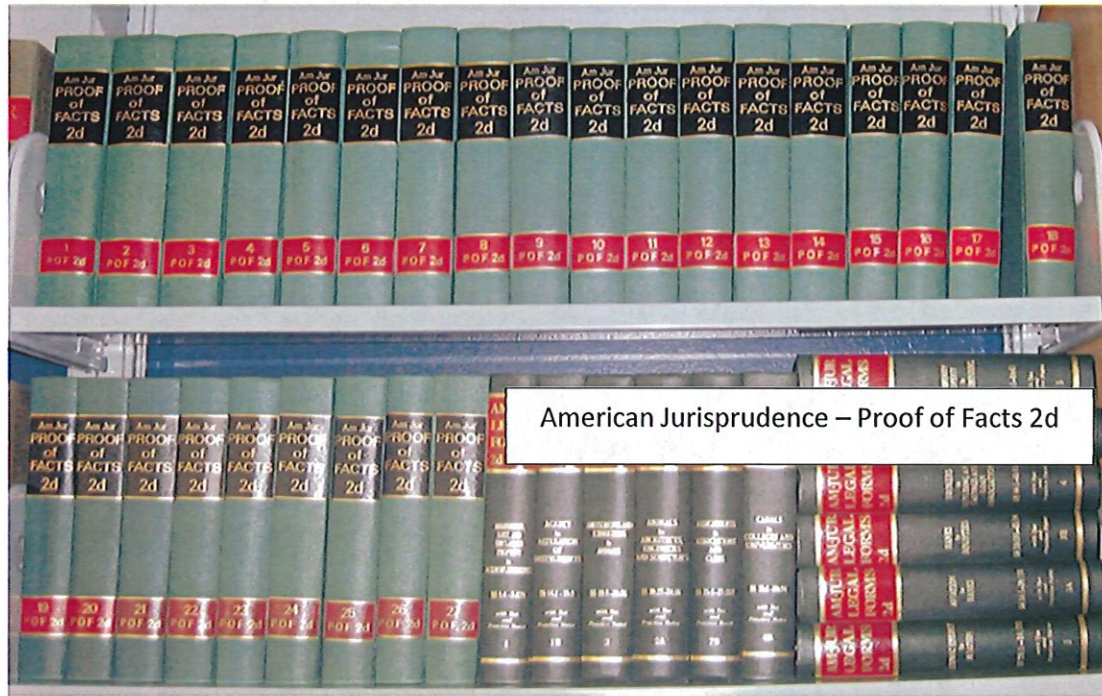


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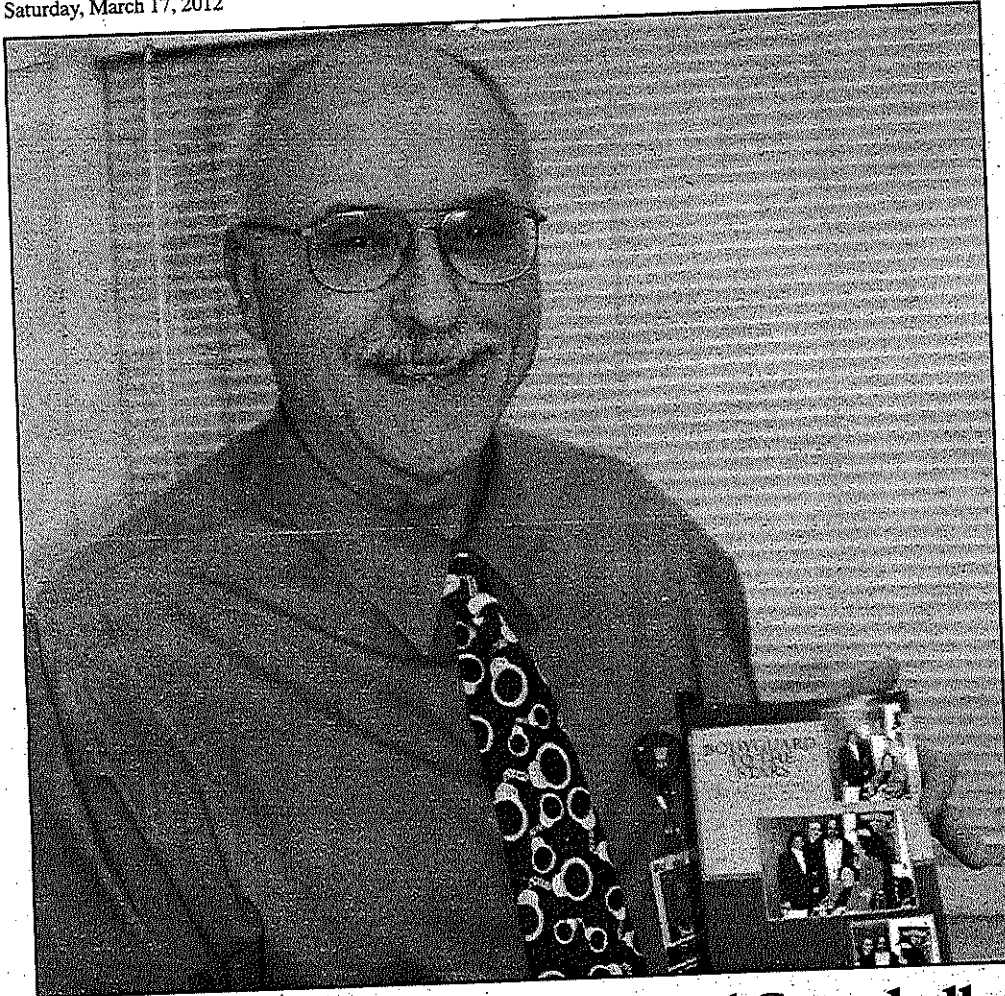


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## COTO to host author Dr. Fred Campbell

College of the Ouachitas' library will host Dr. Fred Campbell, Deputy Warden at the Ouachita River Correctional Unit to speak Tuesday, March 27th at 10:15 a.m. in the Lecture Hall. He has just recently published his second book, Bodyguard To The Stars. It's non-fiction book published by Motivational Speakers Institute featuring pictures of Campbell and many of his celebrity clients. Campbell is a member

Association and has over 34 years of law enforcement and executive protection experience. He has been a bodyguard to Joe Frazier, Stevie Wonder, President George H. Bush, Daisy Bates, Rosa Parks and many others.

His first book was Life's Lessons from Behind the Badge.

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**OTC names Martin's replacement**

# Ballard named as president

MALVERN — The Board of Trustees of Ouachita Technical College, Malvern, met Tuesday at 5 p.m. to consider the selection of a new President.

The board convened briefly before going into executive session after which it reconvened publicly and voted unanimously to employ Dr. Barry Ballard as president of the college.

Lacy Landers, chairman of the board, introduced Ballard.

The board was pleased to announce the selection of a distinguished educator as president to lead the college into the 21st century, said Landers. He said that Dr. Ballard brings extensive experience in the management of technical colleges, academic planning, policy formulation, program supervision, as well as teaching at technical, adult and graduate levels.

Ballard is returning to technical and higher education administration after several years as a manager for the American General Financial Group subsidiary, VALIC. VALIC is a \$50 billion retirement services company that provides retirement plan products and services to higher education institutions, public school districts, hospitals, governmental groups, non-profit groups and individuals. Ballard was with the company for seven years, most recently as district manager for Oklahoma and the northern half of Arkansas.

In 1981, Ballard was recruited by then Governor Frank White, legislative leaders and the State Board of Vocational

Education from Texas, where he was Dean of Instruction at the Texas State Technical College at Waco, to become the first Arkansas Director of the statewide Vocational and Technical Education system. He remained in that role for eight years during which he provided leadership for developing, upgrading and expanding the state's 24 post-secondary technical schools.

The upgrades and expansions at the schools provided part of the foundation for the conversion of all of Arkansas's post-secondary vo-tech schools into accredited technical colleges and technical institutes. Subsequently he was president of Southeast College of Technology in Memphis and Director of Education for four other technical colleges in this region.

"Dr. Ballard was recommended to the board by several distinguished educators, including Dr. Calvin Johnson and Dr. Linda Beene, and because of Dr. Ballard's unique background in higher education administration, knowledge of the entire Arkansas system, including its ability to encourage and motivate professionals and students toward creation and accomplishment of their vision, and his commitment to community and civic affairs, it is believed by the members of the board that he is the right person needed now as the president of Ouachita Technical College."

He is expected to be in position by May 15.

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This week Ouachita Technical College in Malvern will host a building dedication and open house for the pride of its campus, the new Academic Learning Resource Center. The 33,000-square-foot addition to an existing building houses classrooms, faculty offices, the campus library and other fresh new spaces. The dedication and open house take place Thursday.

## Expansive steps

# EXPANSIVE STEPS

## Ouachita Technical College in Malvern celebrates its new 33,000-square-foot Academic Learning Resource Center

MALVERN — This week, Ouachita Technical College will celebrate the completion of its Academic Learning Resource Center with an open house.

The new center, with its 33,000 square feet of new facilities for faculty, staff and students, will have its building dedication and open house on Thursday, April 6. The dedication ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. in Room A300; the open house will follow from 3 to 6 p.m.

Refreshments will be served, and certificates for two free classes will be given away, said Amber Lindsey, coordinator for marketing and public relations. The public is invited.

### Gem of the campus

The center's features include six new classrooms and a greatroom that can be used as a meeting space. That is where the building dedication will take place. It can also be divided to create four more classrooms.

The center also houses faculty offices; faculty moved into the new space late last year, Lindsey said.

Its showpiece is the Resource Center — a vast improvement over the school's previous library, Lindsey said. The center has 21 regular workstations for students, and another 20 computer workstations.

"What we had was simply a hole in the wall for a library," Lindsey said. The old library had 370 linear feet of shelving; the new center has 915. And it also has a much more inviting atmosphere.

"We have a seating area with maga-

zines on the wall — it's designed to provide comfort to the students, so they can go in and have a place to sit back and relax and read," she said.

### Tremendous growth

Shelf space isn't the only thing that's increasing. In just a decade, Ouachita Technical College has more than quadrupled its enrollment.

In 1991, the school had 210 students. In the current spring semester, there are 932 students enrolled.

Ken Martin, president of the college, believes that enrollment will reach the 1,000 mark by the end of the year.

That enrollment is increasing steadily in part because the college is continuing to expand its offerings — and the locations where courses are offered — to better meet the needs of people far beyond the Malvern campus.

The new building is the most visual representation of the school's expansion. But that expansion extends far beyond the borders of Hot Spring County.

For example, the school now offers a number of courses on the Internet. There are courses offered in Benton, Sheridan and Arkadelphia. There are courses that high school students can take right in their own schools. And there is a new location in Benton for students interested in the school's the nursing program.

All these options are designed to make education available to an even wider group of people.

### Virtual campus

Internet courses have proven to be popular. The school tries to offer from 15 to 18 courses on the Internet each semester, Lindsey said. Internet offerings include a number of general education courses.

Among the courses being taught through the Internet this semester are general and developmental psychology, college algebra, freshman composition, world literature, sociology, American national government, business mathematics, legal terminology and criminal law.

Long-range plans for the "virtual campus" may even make it possible for the school to eventually offer students the possibility of earning a degree entirely through Internet courses.

OTC's success is part of a larger success story.

Two-year colleges both in Arkansas and elsewhere in the country are showing steady increases in enrollment. Traditional four-year colleges are not generally enjoying the same growth.

OTC administrators believe the growth trend is due to the affordable, quality education that two-year colleges offer.

The ratio of students to teachers also tends to be lower than at four-year colleges, which means students are more likely to get individual attention.

That individual attention is available even for those who never come to campus. Online tutoring is available for students in Internet courses, through online assistance with writing and math.

### Good news for high school students

High school students can satisfy their requirements for graduation and also get a head start on college credits through the OTC Concurrent Enrollment program.

OTC offers concurrent courses in such courses as biology, English and math. The courses are taught at the high schools, Lindsey said; students taking a course get credit for it both in their high schools and at OTC.

Public schools who have participated in the program include Bryant, Glen Rose, Harmony Grove, Magnet Cove, Malvern, Ouachita, Poyen and Sheridan. The program has been available for four or five years, Lindsey said.

The college also offers other programs to high school students. Some earn credits toward a degree in cosmetology. Others start training in auto service, welding or computer repair.

One thing the school prides itself on is the hands-on help given to students as they try to make the transition to a four-year college — or to the workplace.

Trio Student Support Services offers tutoring and help with job placement.

They organize tours at four-year schools for transfer students, help in the transfer process and introduce students to counselors. They also provide services for students with disabilities.

Job placement counselors maintain lists of jobs available for the students; they even contact the students when positions become available.

Counselors also recruit in high schools. To

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## Student organizations have something for all

### Student Support Services: TRIO Program

This free program helps students: improve study skills, increase awareness, meet new students, get to know faculty, successfully transfer to a four-year college, prepare resumes and letters to obtain employment, make career decisions and survive in college.

### Phi Beta Lambda (PBL)

PBL is the national organization of students enrolled in programs of business or business education on the postsecondary level.

The organization, composed of more than 450 chapters, operates as an integral part of the educational program under the guidance of business instructors, state supervisors, college administrators and members of the business community.

PBL builds competent, aggressive business leadership; strengthens the confidence of students in themselves and in their work; develops character; prepares for useful citizenship; fosters patriotism; and assists students in the practice of efficient money management.

### Phi Theta Kappa (PTK)

The purpose of PTK, international society of two-year colleges, is to recognize and encourage scholarship among students. To achieve this purpose, the Alpha Omega Sigma Chapter Ouachita Technical College provides an opportunity for the development of leadership and service for an intellectual climate to exchange ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence. Membership is by invitation. To be eligible, a student must have a 3.5 grade point average in a minimum of 12 semester credit hours.

### Student Nurses Association

The Student Nurses Association is a local organization for students enrolled in the Practical Nursing Program. The objectives of the SNA are to promote personal development of the student practical nurse; promote interest, enthusiasm, and respect for practical nursing as a rewarding career; promote the development of leadership skills among

the members; promote academic standards among the members; recognize the worth and maintain the respect of each member; develop an understanding of the need for the value of a local, state, and national organization, and to prepare the student, upon graduation and licensure, for active participation.

### Black Students Association

The Black Students Association's purpose is to promote, protect and defend the individual rights and political welfare of students. This organization works to assist students in receiving the best academic, social and cultural education possible and to offer students information on the con-

tributions made to America's society by African American personalities in order to expand cultural awareness and growth.

### Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA)

VICA is a club designed to help students develop social and leadership skills. Activities, which enhance the development of these skills, will be conducted by the club's members and advisors.

The activities include events such as parliamentary procedure contests between colleges, troubleshooting contests for Automotive Service students, and similar activities.

Membership in this club is open to students and OTC alumni.

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students who are considering attending OTC the following autumn, they offer six free hours of credit if the student registers for 12 hours.

Three new associated of applied science degrees have been added to the curriculum: early childhood education, paralegal and criminal justice.

The college's nursing program was expanded in January to the Benton Services Center campus,

Lindsey said. Course offerings have also been expanded in Arkadelphia, Benton and Sheridan.

As new technologies develop and the needs of the workplace change, the college plans to continue to develop and offer more new programs.

For example, the school has plans to add certificate programs in web mastering and computer graphics.

The school is already looking ahead toward other possible expansion projects, Lindsey said.

The school is considering a

new building for students preparing for health care professions, such as respiratory therapy, medical surgery technician, radiography, occupational therapy and physical therapy.

Another structure on the drawing board is an auditorium to seat 5,000 or more.

The space could be used for a wide range of artistic performances, as well as for seminars and other large gatherings.

Both a faculty council and a student government association work to assess needs and offer suggestions.

### Instructional Programs Offered by Ouachita Technical College

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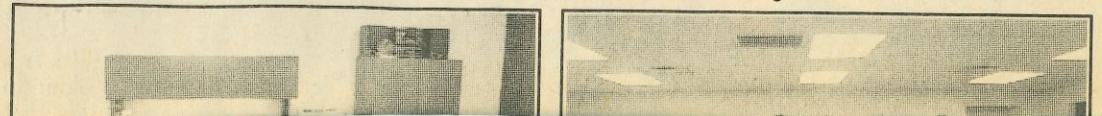
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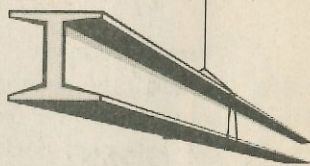
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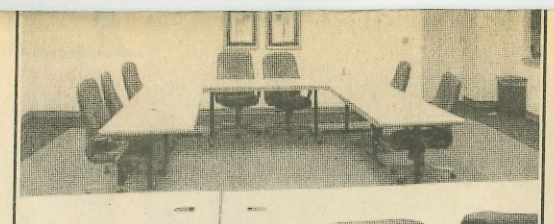
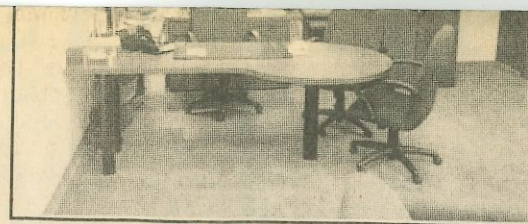
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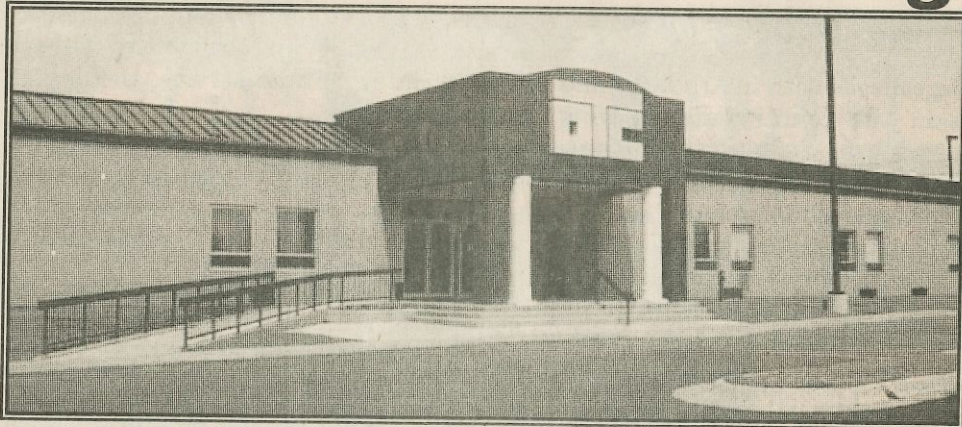
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# History of OTC, the state's first technical college, dates back to 1969

MALVERN — Ouachita Technical College, formerly Ouachita Vocational Technical School, was authorized by the State Board of Education in July 1969 to serve the vocational training needs of a five-county area surrounding Malvern and Hot Spring County.

In May 1985, it was designated as a high school vocational center as the state tried to make vocational education accessible to all Arkansas high school students.

Five high school vocational programs were made available to 11 high schools in the area around Malvern. Various federally funded short-term programs were also offered to meet the employment training needs of the area.

In September of 1988, the Arkansas Business Council Foundation, a group of 19 prominent Arkansas business and industry leaders, issued a report entitled *In Pursuit of Excellence*.

The report called for "reform of and increased support for our state's system of elementary, secondary, vocational and higher education."

Among the Arkansas Business Council recommendations were the following: transfer of post-secondary vocational programs

from the State Board of Education to the State Board of Higher Education; expansion of general education programs in the vo-tech schools; development of more sophisticated technical training in close cooperation with business and industry; conversion of existing vo-tech schools into technical colleges or comprehensive community colleges; and support for additional funding of these proposals.

The 1991 Arkansas Legislature responded to the report with a series of acts centered on Act 1244, the "Two-Year Post-secondary Education Reorganization Act of 1991."

The school was not included in the original legislation that became Act 1244; but after a meeting of Malvern and Hot Spring County business leaders, legislators and faculty and administrators, Senator George Hopkins introduced separate legislation to designate OVTS as Ouachita Technical College (OTC) under the coordination of SBHE.

This separate legislation (Act 617 of 1991) actually was signed into law before the enabling legislation (Act 1244) was passed; thus, OTC became the first Arkansas technical college.

Transfer from the State Board

of Vocational Education to the State Board of Higher Education took place on July 1, 1991.

The governing board of Ouachita Technical College was appointed by Governor Bill Clinton in October 1991, and a president was hired by the board in August 1992.

In February 1994, Ouachita Technical College was officially granted candidacy status by North Central Association.

Currently, OTC serves a five-county area in south-central Arkansas. The counties are Clark, Dallas, Grant, Hot Spring and Saline.

OTC's service area is more than 50 percent rural and predominantly white (89 percent). African-Americans make up another 9.7 percent of the population, Females constitute 51 percent of the population and males 49 percent.

Since 1972, the college has worked closely with business and industry through advisory councils and committees to provide courses and programs that meet their needs, as well as the needs of the citizens of its service area.

This tradition will continue and expand as OTC assumes its role as an institution of higher education.

## Forward vision

Ouachita Technical College, through careful environmental scanning and strategic planning, finds itself well positioned to face the challenges and opportunities of the new millennium.

As an accredited two-year college, OTC is widely recognized for excellence in teaching and learning. The college encourages lifelong learning through affordable academic, career-oriented and continuing education.

As a growing provider of education and services of exceptional quality and value, Ouachita Technical College contributes substantially to the economic advancement and quality of life of the community.

As a community partner, the school is committed to sharing and expanding resources to provide accessible and relevant educational opportunities to its service area.

Just as when the school was begun, students remain its highest priority.

Student success is promoted through personal attention, instructional innovation and flex-

ibility, technical and educational expertise, technology, collaboration and leadership in a dynamic and caring environment.

The school has articulated seven key purposes for its existence:

1. To promote and expand access to programs and services that meet students' abilities, interests, and potentials.
2. To ensure that every graduate of an OTC program possesses the technical skills to be successful in the workplace.
3. To provide a wide range of continually improving educational programs and services to individuals, businesses, industries and communities.
4. To contribute to area economic development by providing the skilled workforce needed to attract and retain business and industry.
5. To serve multiple and diverse populations.
6. To promote opportunities for individuals who have the ability, potential and desire to continue their education at a four-year institution.
7. To promote mastery of the

general education skills needed to be successful in the workplace and/or continued higher education.

## Mission statement

Ouachita Technical College is a public, open-access, community-based, affirmative action, equal opportunity two-year technical college.

The college mission is to enable individuals to develop to their fullest potential and to support the economic development of Arkansas.

OTC prepares residents of Arkansas with the general and technical education needed for successful careers or for further higher education.

The college provides courses, programs, counseling and related services, technical assistance, and community service to individuals, communities and businesses and industries in its service area.

OTC promotes educational mobility through partnerships with local schools and other higher education institutions.

## Center for Workforce Excellence has lasting impact on local industry

Ouachita Technical College recognizes that it has an essential and emerging role to play in economic development and workforce training in Arkansas and beyond.

One way it tries to fulfill that role is through the Center for Workforce Excellence.

Two-year colleges such as OTC are emerging as the educational institutions best suited to bridge the gap between technical innovation and application.

The college mission of OTC as it relates to economic development and workforce training is to be the key provider of services that accomplish the transformation of the region's workforce.

OTC can provide the training to upgrade the knowledge, skills

### Teamwork

Coordination of economic development and workforce training is best achieved by team interaction. OTC works with state and local agencies with a direct goal of bringing in new business and industry.

### Innovation

The college believes it has a responsibility to take the initiative for constructive change.

The Center for Workforce Excellence serves as a creative and innovative arm of the college and, as such, becomes its research and development component.

### Quality

The college is committed to

- Expand training services to include workplace systems that assist and encourage long-term employee training.

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and understanding necessary for the current and future workforce.

OTC offers a competitive advantage through the Center for Workforce Excellence. The center is designed to respond to the needs and provide the support required for local economic development.

OTC's Economic Development and Workforce Training Mission is accomplished by implementation of six key principles.

#### Leadership

In concert with local business, industry, labor and government, the college has a leadership and support role. Its leadership position is to bridge the gaps that exist between education, economic development and workforce training.

#### Technology

The region, along with business and industry, invests in technology to improve productivity and effectiveness of the workforce. The college serves as a model for the use of technology and is concerned with the transfer and application of the technology to business and industry.

providing quality services. Quality is achieved by creative and consistent management.

The college subscribes to the philosophy of constant and continued improvement regardless of the existing level of performance. It has a mission to continuously strive to improve services.

#### Customer Orientation

The college listens to its customers/constituents and tries to respond quickly and effectively to their needs.

The college responds to its customers by listening, detailing what is said, repeating for communication, responding and then taking action. The college serves as the education community's quick response team for economic development and workforce educational needs.

The college has identified these key elements of its vision for economic development:

- Become the premier provider of training as demanded by the region's continuously changing workplace by offering more technologically advanced courses needed by the Arkansas Workforce.

ment or replace traditional teaching methods.

- Offer technology transfer assistance by applying technology in the workplace.

- Serve as a community and regional economic development resource.

The faculty and staff at OTC and the Center for Workforce Excellence hope that potential students or business/industrial customers understand and embrace these goals as realistic and obtainable.

Training of the workforce is and essential element of long term economic development.

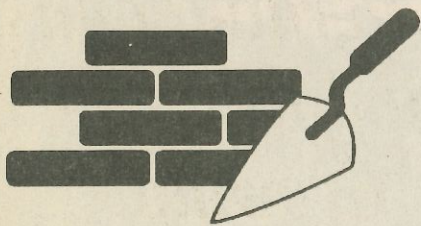
State figures show that for every one dollar invested in training the workforce, a business or industry can expect a \$15 return in profitability because the employees will increase in productivity, creativity, efficiency and safety.

Anyone wanting to learn more about the Center for Workforce Excellence can write to Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, P.O. Box 816, Malvern, AR 72104; call (501) 332-3658 or (800) 337-0266; or send e-mail to [otc@otc1.otc.tec.ar.us](mailto:otc@otc1.otc.tec.ar.us).

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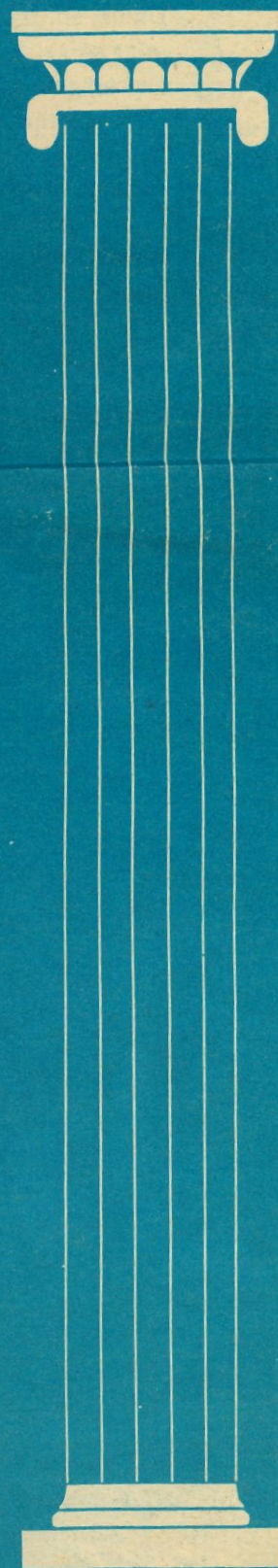
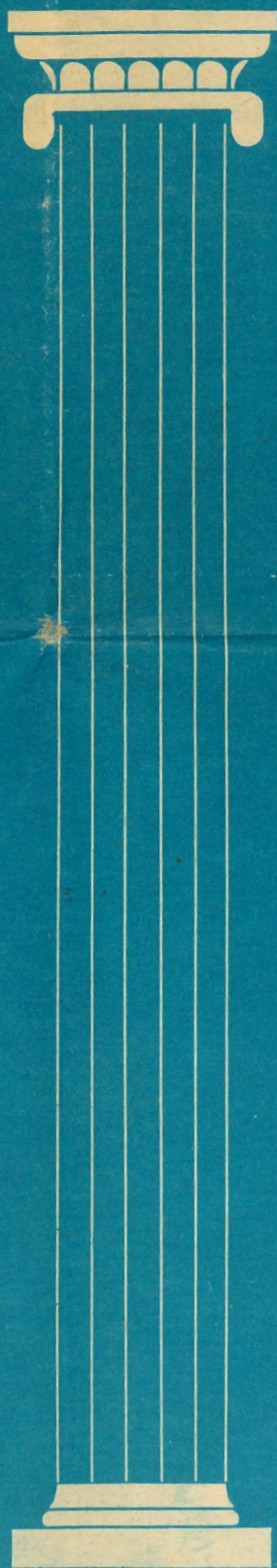
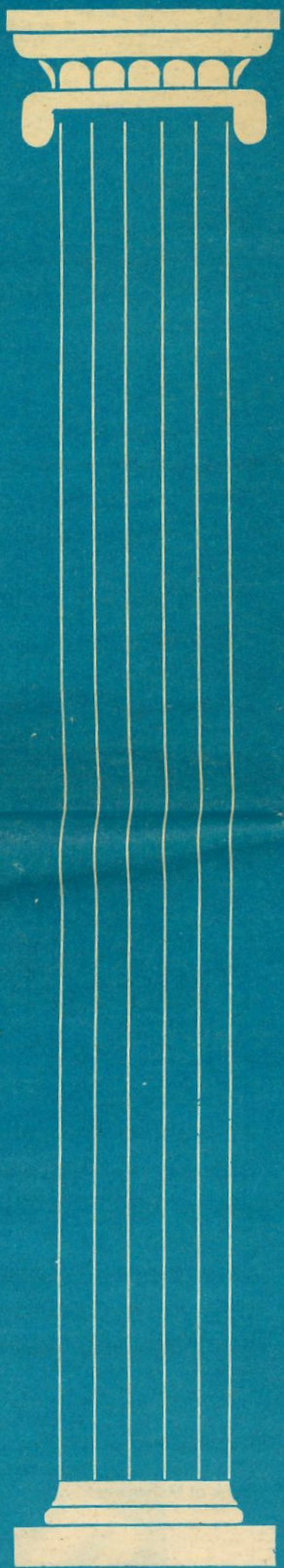
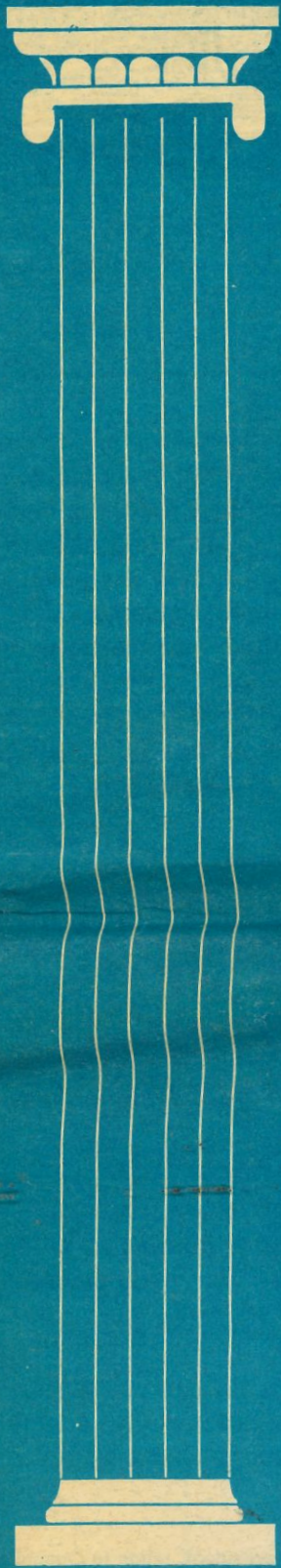
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# Fund raising: Vital link in chain to accreditation

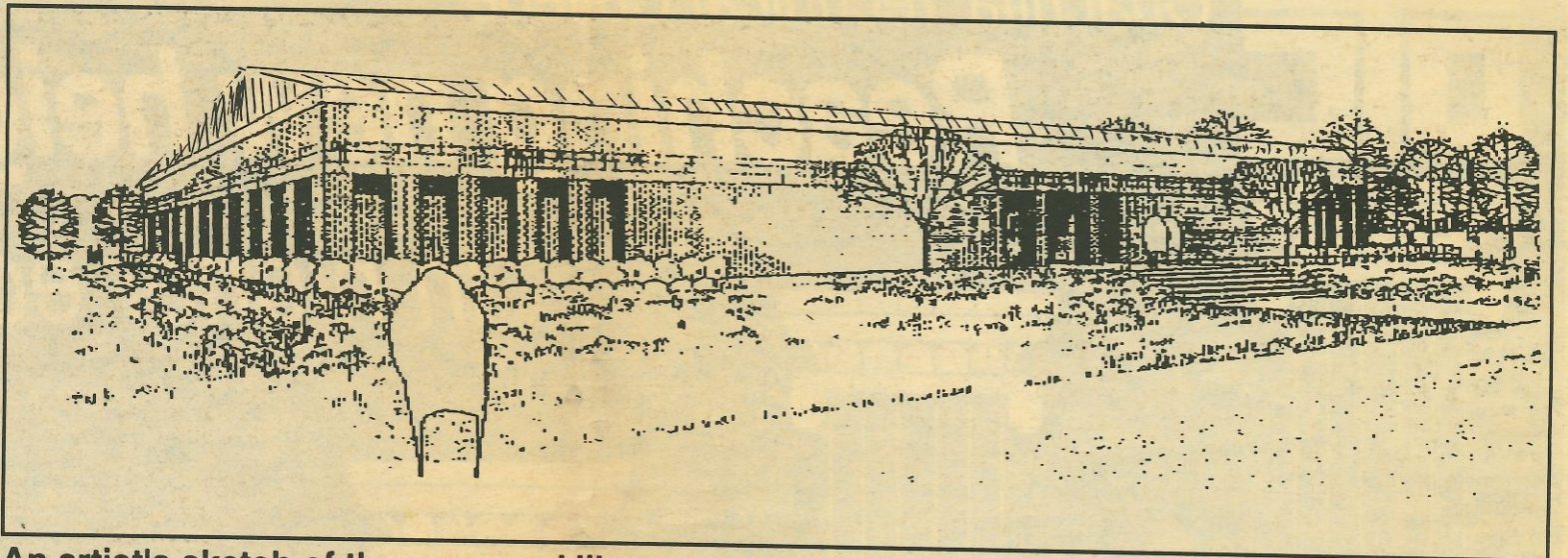
By MICHELLE GILLHAM  
Staff Writer

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 30.

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 concerned 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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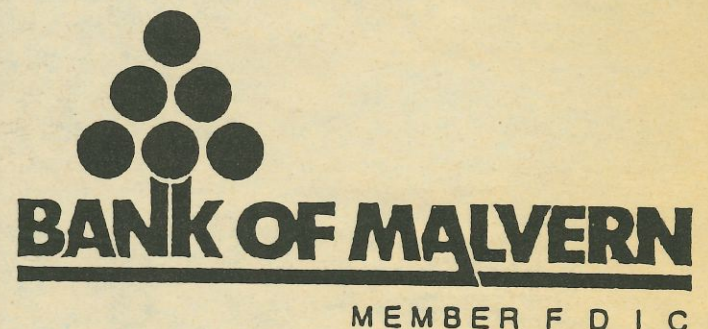


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# OTC substantially impacts area economically

By DAN MARSH  
Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College stands to pump millions of dollars into the local economy, according to OTC President Ken Martin.

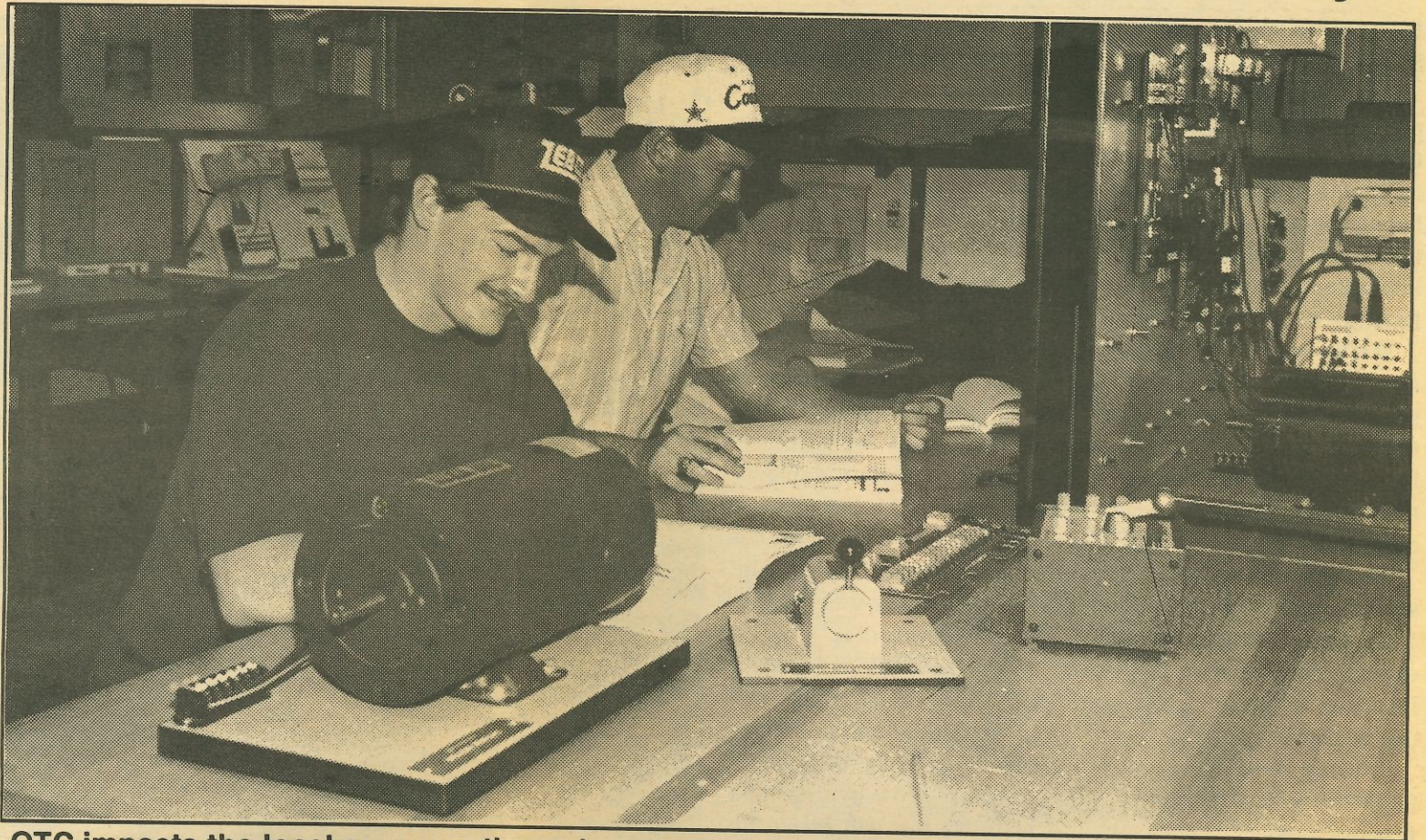
The college has already put more than \$7 million into the local pool of money, Martin said.

During the last fiscal year, according to standard economic formula, \$7.5 million in local business volume was attributed to OTC, Martin said.

"For every dollar invested into the college by the state, there was a combined direct and indirect impact of \$5.89 back to the service area," Martin said.

"That doesn't count the money that students put back into this area when they go to local restaurants to buy lunch, or shop with other local merchants," Martin said.

An official impact study gauging the total economic effect of OTC on Malvern and



**OTC impacts the local economy through payroll and student expenditures in the community.**

Hot Spring County has not yet been conducted, Martin said.

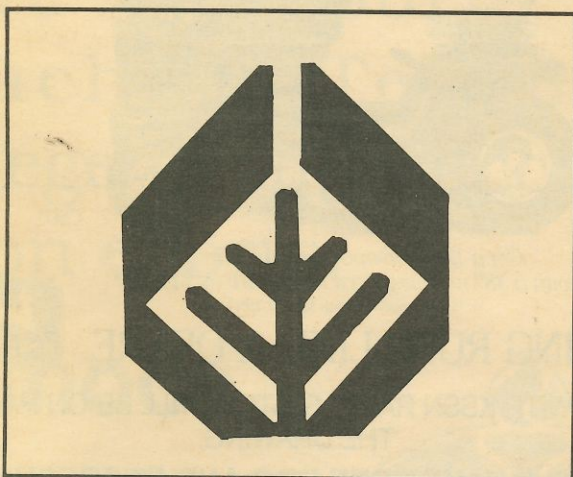
The colleges existing revenue sources are 63 percent state sup-

port, 35 percent student tuition and fees, and 2 percent other.

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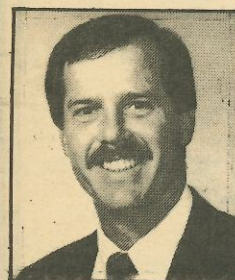
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# HSU plays major role in transition to college

By DAN MARSH  
Staff Writer

Henderson State University is playing a major role in helping Ouachita Technical College with its initial transition period of becoming a two-year, North Central Association accredited institution, according to OTC President Ken Martin.

Martin said HSU has been supplying OTC with its core of general education courses since OTC was required by the state to make the change from vocational-technical school to technical college.

The liaison between the schools was implemented in 1991, and Martin says he expects that relationship to increase — up to a certain desired point.

"I'd say about 50 percent of the activity here right now is generated out of Henderson," Martin said.

General education courses provided by HSU include English, math, social studies,

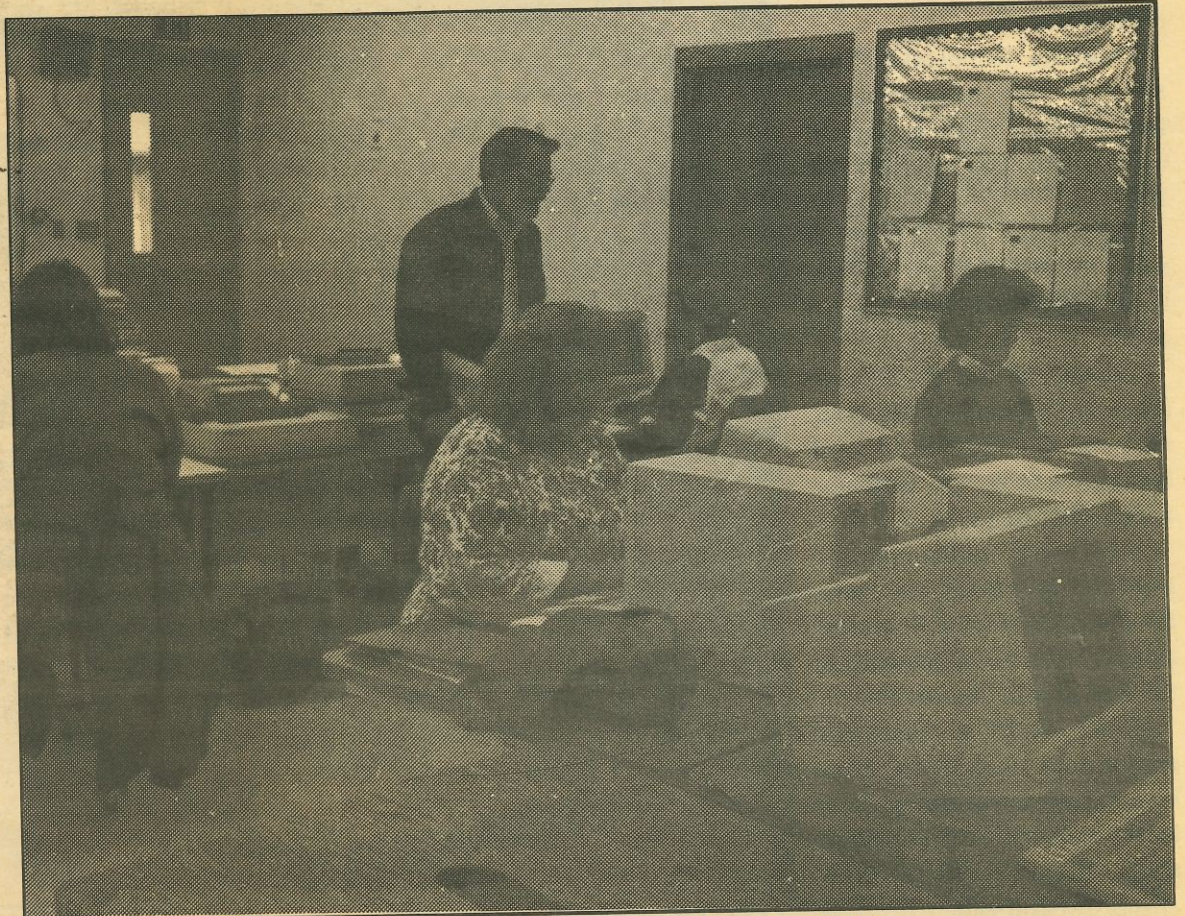
psychology, and communications, Martin said. "Each technical college across the state is engaged in a similar arrangement with other four-year institutions in the area."

The course credit one obtains at OTC is fully-transferable to HSU, Martin said, which means that Malvern and Hot Spring County residents can take Henderson courses at OTC tuition prices — \$25 per credit hour, Martin said.

"In fact, any class a student takes here (OTC) is like taking it there (Henderson or any other four-year college)," Martin said. "They're all fully-transferable. That is the beauty of it."

Martin said HSU is providing OTC "an invaluable service" with the general education programs. "I expect the HSU activity here will grow by leaps and bounds, but that will eventually taper off in the future."

Henderson is actually helping OTC in the interim before the fledgling two-year college can

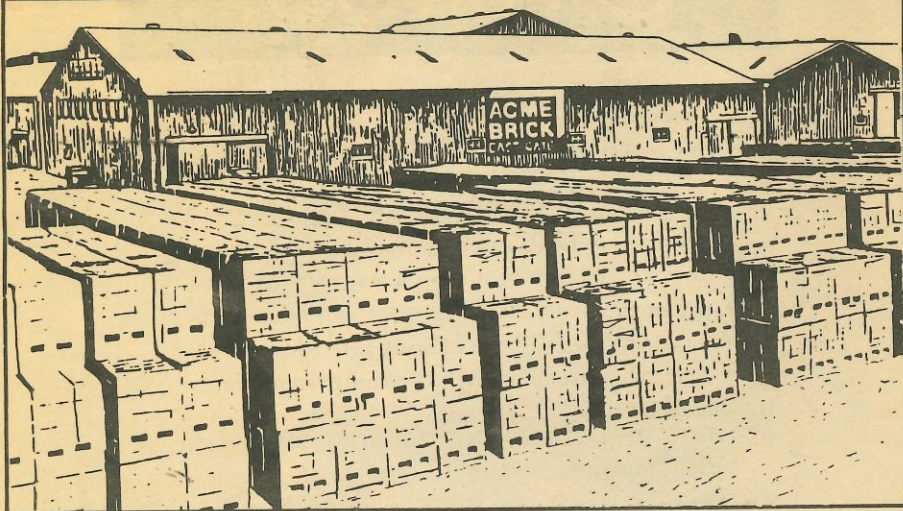


Computers are an integral part of education at OTC.

begin offering its own core of general education classes.

"Eventually, we're going to overtake the service they pro-

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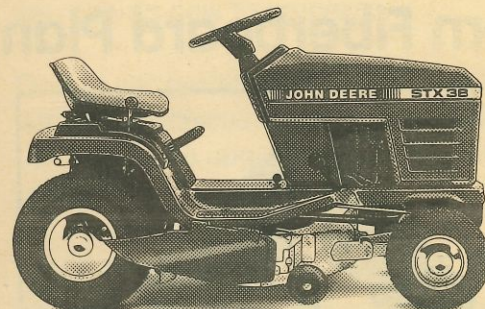
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## Impact

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The Arkansas Department of Higher Education has provided a grant of \$250,000 to build a new Learning Resource Center, with classrooms, laboratories, and office space, contingent upon the college matching that dollar amount by June 30, 1993.

## HSU

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vide," Martin said. "That's the whole point of the transition."

"Henderson is not in any way an interloper in our business at OTC," Martin stressed. "It's wonderful, and it's working out great for the students. Actually, we're receiving 100 percent of the benefit. It's at a loss to Henderson."

Martin said "there isn't an empty classroom on campus at night." HSU courses constitute the whole of night courses

Martin said OTC is tax-assisted, not tax-supported. State revenues pay only a portion of the college costs.

The institution provides the backbone for employment training in the five county service area, Martin said.

In order for OTC to achieve its mission, Martin said, and contribute to the quality of life in its service area, there is a need for assistance from outside sources.

offered at OTC, "and on some nights even the cafeteria has students in it," Martin said. "Pretty soon we're going to have to look at alternative sites for night courses, at this rate. But that's a good problem. It's a desirable problem."

He said the community has been very supportive of OTC and its efforts to attain NCA accreditation. The Futures Unlimited Foundation, as of this week, has deposited \$41,886 in its special account, Martin said.

"We're right on schedule with our fund raising. In fact, we didn't expect to be this far along by this point when we first started."

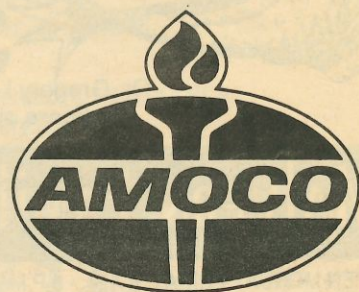


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# Financial aid makes higher education attainable

By DELEISA BAILEY  
Editor

Area businesses and industries are doing their part to help Ouachita Technical College become more affordable to students in need, according to Vaughn Kesterson of the OTC Scholarship Committee.

Five grant programs exist at OTC. One of the most popular is the non-traditional student grant.

This student is defined as one intended for students enrolled in classes that have a 75 percent or more ratio of students of the opposite sex.

Funds of up to \$600 per year are available through the Department of Vocational and Technical Education to qualified recipients.

Funds are awarded based on need and can be applied toward tuition, books, supplies, child-care and transportation.

AMOCO Foam Products of Malvern also awards grants to OTC students. The student or students who receive this grant

cannot be receiving funding from any other source.

All OTC instructors are given applications to be filled out for the AMOCO Foam Grant. These applications are filled out by the students and the scholarship committee considers the applications to determine a winner.

Malvern National Bank funds a grant program which assists OTC nursing program graduates pursuing a registered nurse's degree.

The recipient of the \$250 grant is determined by a bank-appointed committee that receives applications for the funding.

A new grant program has been established this year at OTC. It is funded by Pro-Med Ambulance Service.

This year the grant provided tuition for four OTC students. The grant is awarded on the basis of need.

The OTC Directors grants waive tuition for students demonstrating financial need.



OTC students enjoy the sunshine on a recent sunny day.

Applicants must not be receiving other funding. All applicants are reviewed for approval by OTC staff members. Please see AID, page 8

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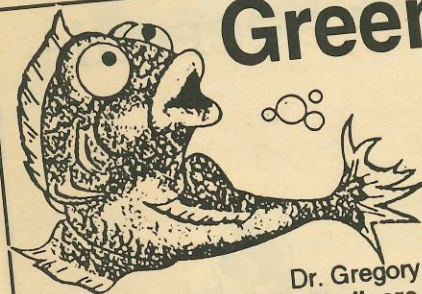
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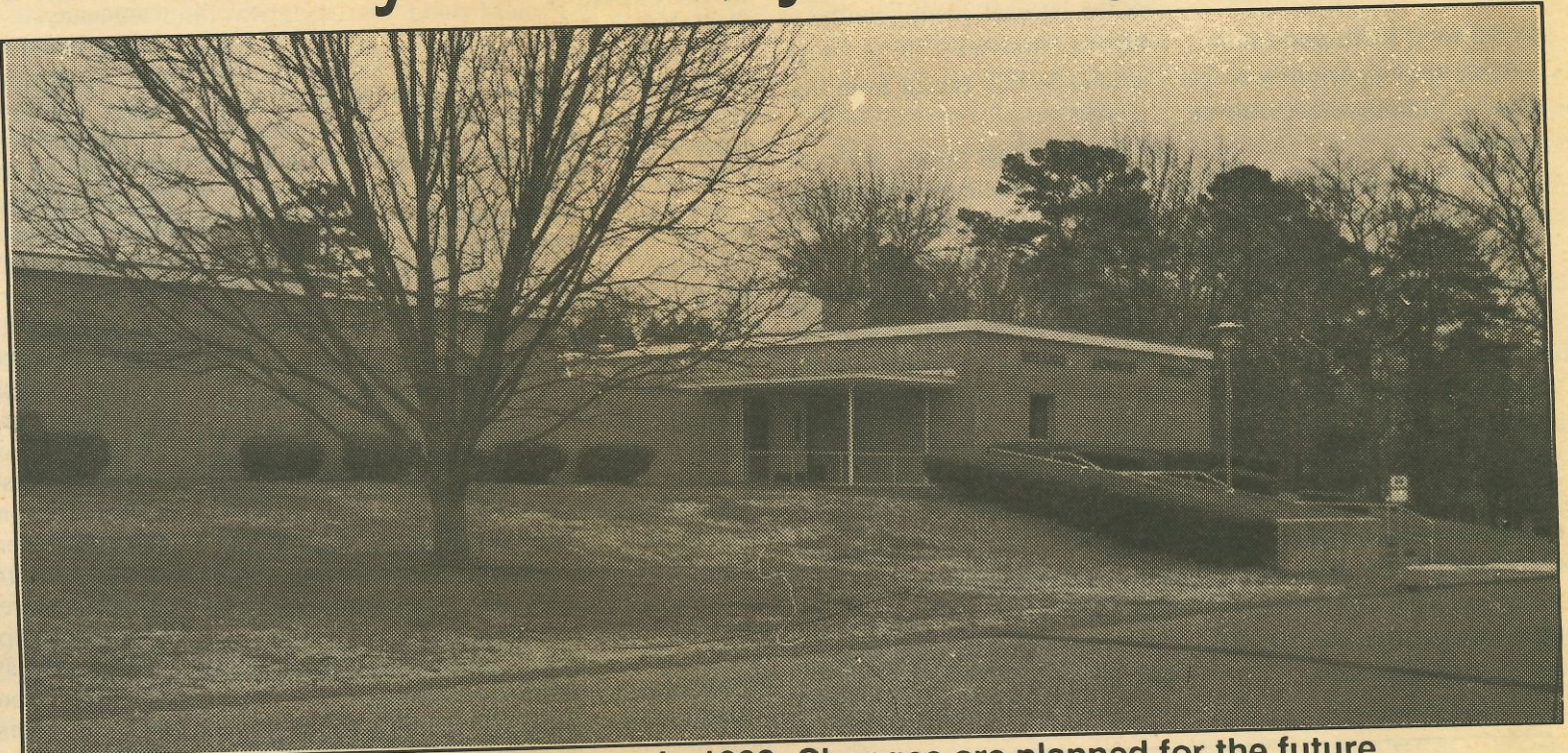
# Ouachita's history is rich, yet fairly modern

By the Daily Record Staff

Although founded in 1971, Ouachita Technical College actually began as an idea in 1953 when the Arkansas Legislature requested a study of vocational-technical education in the state.

The study resulted in Act 328 of 1957 which authorized the State Board of Education to establish vocational-technical schools. Malvern was chosen as a vo-tech site in July 1969 through a joint effort of the Chamber of Commerce, Hot Spring County Judge, West Central Arkansas Economic Development District and the Central Arkansas Development Council. Dr. John Cole, as a member of the State Board of Education, was also instrumental in locating the school in Malvern.

Jim Pickren of Hope was chosen as the first director of the school. The dual purpose of the institution was to provide training in basic industrial skills to



**Ouachita Technical College's campus in 1993. Changes are planned for the future.**

persons not yet employed in the industries and to upgrade the training of persons already employed.

Practical nursing and small motors classes began in October 1970 at a Hot Springs branch of Ouachita Vo-Tech, housed in

Langston High School. In January 1971, general mechanics, health occupations, appliance services, office machine services and drafting were added.

Financing for OVT was completed on June 15, 1970 with 80

percent of the funding from federal Economic Development Administration and the federal Ozarks Regional Commission. Another 20 percent came from state and local funds. Ground breaking ceremonies were held Sept. 7, 1970, for the school

which was to serve Hot Spring, Garland, Pike, Clark, Montgomery, Perry, Pulaski, Grant, Saline, Cleveland and Dallas counties.

A heavy equipment class was

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## Now in Malvern

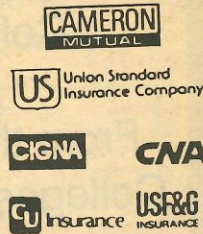
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## Funds

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believe the opportunity to get that \$250,000 will evaporate June 30."

The funding is vital to be accredited by 1997, and members of the foundation are working diligently to raise the initial revenue.

According to Martin, fund raising has been divided into two

main groups: internal or family group, and external. Martin has a goal of 100 percent participation in the internal group, and he is already halfway there, with around \$7,000 raised from that group.

The external group, however, is more complicated, but teams are circulating through the community soliciting contributions. Foundation creators are hoping to be able to wait until phase two before asking for help from the major foundations.

## AID

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Tuition and fees are waived for a semester, and occasionally two, under the program.

Students at OTC are also eligible to apply for Pell Grants and other state and federally funded assistance programs, Kesterson said.

Tuition at OTC is \$25 per semester hour.



# Center receives Legislature's OK

By DAN MARSH  
Staff Writer

A bill proposed by state Sen. George Hopkins to create a pilot project to assist industrial development through the coordination of training programs and services, was enacted Tuesday by the Arkansas General Assembly.

Act 665 of 1993 amends Arkansas Code 25-7-102 and is a cooperative effort among Ouachita Technical College, Malvern High School, the GRANDE Nurtino Project Consortium, private industry, and other groups.

According to the act, local industry groups, governmental agencies and private enterprise will provide much of the financial support needed for the pilot project. Such support should include financial support for items such as office space, expenses, and utilities.

According to OTC President Dr. Ken Martin, he and Malvern Schools Superintendent Dr. David Craig will enter into an agreement to form a board to implement the act.

The OTC board will establish guidelines governing the operation of the center.

The center's goals are to facilitate the development of students and workers and members of the learning force within Arkansas communities and companies, with a focus on workers' skills and workplace tools of the future, particularly high level technical training and education.

The center will foster skills, knowledge and understanding relevant to real world jobs, careers and lifestyles through the economic competitiveness of students, workers, communities, companies, and associated groups in a global political

community.

The center will develop strategic management plan to include initial industry services training with a survey of existing facilities, opportunities for training with the potential project area, and development of a campaign plan to overcome training deficiencies in the areas through reliance on existing resources through the cooperation and development of new training capabilities through innovative low cost means.

It will assist private industry in determining what training services and programs are available, the steps necessary to provide the training services and programs needed by the industry, and how long it would take to develop the needed training services and programs.

The OTC board will establish a local advisory committee to provide guidance to the center in implementing the pilot project. The committee will include representatives of OTC, MHS, GRANDE, and private industry.

The board may include representatives of other appropriate groups and organizations. The purpose of the committee will be to assist the center in determining the proper focus for industrial development.

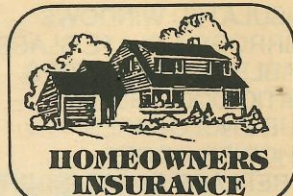
The committee will make recommendations concerning soft skills — interpersonal relationships, such as discipline and self-reliance and an ability to communicate properly. Hard skills are those required of workers by technical training. It will also make recommendations on apprenticeship and internship programs in students and potential workers.

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## History

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started on Nov. 2, 1970, with the students assisting in construction of the school. Ouachita Vo-Tech officially opened Jan. 17, 1972, with courses in air conditioning, refrigeration and heating, auto mechanics, business education, diesel mechanics, electronics, heavy equipment, industrial maintenance, machine shop, drafting and welding, and food services.

Wilson High School housed the first 292 enrolled students until February 1972. Night classes started in May 1972 with

classes in welding, automotive electronics, basic electricity, and air conditioning, refrigeration and heating. General Education Diploma courses were added Aug. 4, 1972.

With dedication and open house for the newly-completed facility held on Oct. 8, 1972, the first graduation exercise was held on June 28, 1973.

Those serving under Pickren's direction were Bob Jones, business manager; Hugh Looney, supervisor of instruction; Alix Butler, bookkeeper; Joyce Parker and Kaye Hawthorne, secretaries; Jewelle Johnson, publicity; Ernest Fletcher, building-plant maintenance; and John Kauffman, supervisor of instruction and director of the Hot

Springs classes.

Original faculty included J. Louis Moles and Sandra Moore, business education; Warren Samuel, electronics; Dean Carter, diesel; Doyle Tarkington, heavy equipment; Edward Means, automotive technology; Joe Dunlap, welding; Gary Garrison, machine shop technology; Byron Williams, food service; Nathan Marshall, air conditioning and refrigeration; and Jim Mathews, drafting.

As a result of the Arkansas Business Council's 1988 report, Ouachita Vocational Technical School was among 13 other vocational schools converted into a technical college by the 1991 Arkansas Legislature.

OTC now offers 120 credit

classes to 900 students annually in 10 career/diploma programs. That enrollment also includes 210 associate degree students through a joint project with Henderson State University.

The students are attracted from the five-county area of Clark, Dallas, Grant, Hot Spring and Saline to courses in automotive repair; business education-secretarial, accounting and data processing; air conditioning/refrigeration; diesel repair; mathematics; machine shop technology; industrial electronics/electricity; food service; nursing; communications; and welding.

Area high school students also are enrolled in cosmetology, welding, automotive repair and

small engines.

Providing an 85 percent placement rate for 1991-92 graduates, OTC is now working toward accreditation from the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Forty-six full-time staff and faculty are employed at the school, including 26 full-time instructors and three administrators. Five part-time instructors are also employed for adult literacy, evening credit and continuing programs.

The fiscal 1992-93 budget is \$1.9 million through state appropriations and tuition/fees.

## Williams

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degree, and she hopes to obtain the last hour with a HSU night class. The courses in which she is currently enrolled include Word Perfect, machine transcription, professional development, records management and principles of accounting.

Williams, along with Sheila Camp, are the first OTC candidates for an associates degree, according to business instructor Jessica Beard.

Although she has enjoyed her two years of classes at OTC, Williams said she is now "ready to go to work."

She believes the experience she possesses, supplemented by the training provided at OTC,

will make her as competitive for a position as students from comparable programs at larger schools.

The greatest assets to OTC and its students are the quality teachers who have instructed her in her business curriculum. The instructors she has studied under include Beard, June Prince, J. Lewis Moles, Bob Smith, Nancy Huber and Ronnie Thompson.

## Needs

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specialty technology core, offering a unique program in this state. Martin predicts that once the degree is put into action, other technical colleges will follow suit with similar programs.

The lack of funding is forcing the college to deliver quality for

less, but Martin doesn't foresee any major obstacles.

Changes and improvements at the school have taken innovation, but Martin remarks, "It's not everywhere you get to go

and be a founding president — to watch growth and change, and (to) embed some of my ideas is gratifying. I feel more self-actualized because of it."

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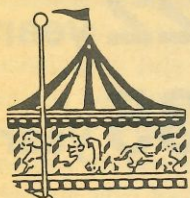
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By **TERRI LEMING**  
Staff Writer

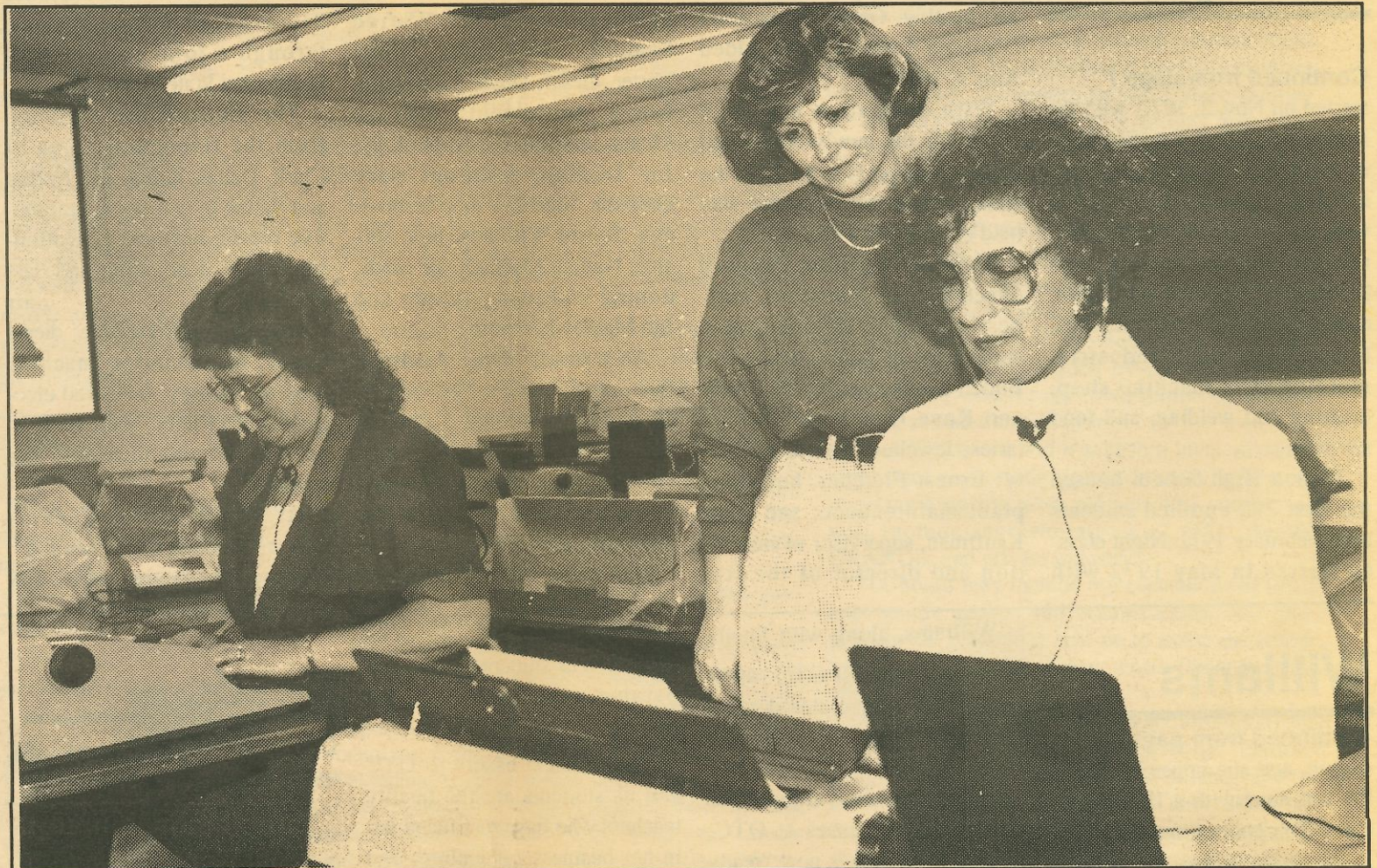
Cathy Williams' reasons for attending Ouachita Technical College sound like those of many other technical college students before her.

"I didn't go to a four-year college because I would have to take a lot of classes I believe are unnecessary," she reasoned. "I wanted to zero in on my goal."

That goal, she said, is earn an associate's degree in secretarial sciences through OTC's cooperation with Henderson State University. "I've always thought of myself as a secretary," she said proudly.

With more than four year's experience as an office manager, Williams felt OTC's program would be ideal in updating and upgrading her skills after being laid off.

After the current term, Williams will have 63 of the 64 hours needed to complete her



Williams practices typing from a dictaphone in one of her OTC classes.

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# Jones remains a constant feature at OTC

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Amid the changes Ouachita Technical College has incurred during its 22 years, one of the school's facets which has remained constant is Bob Jones, chief financial officer since the school's inception.

Jones, 59, says he oversees many of the same areas today as dean of finance and administration which he administered as business manager for the vocational-technical school in 1971, including purchasing, accounts payable, maintenance, security, night classes and other aspects of the physical plant.

However, Jones says, the scope of those duties has changed as new facilities and courses are added, especially since 1991's upgrade to technical college status. That transition is most noticeable, he said, in the completely altered funding and budgeting processes for which Jones is responsible.

While under vo-tech status, OTC received funds as a member of the state's vocational education system. Each school in the system was funded according to where the state department believed needs existed, Jones said.

However, as a technical college, OTC is now funded as an individual agency receiving \$1.5 million directly in annual state appropriations for the 1992-93

fiscal year. Student tuitions and fees add another \$400,000.

"Now we're able to plan our own budget and do our own internal planning," he said.

The upgrade to college-status, combined with offering extension courses through Henderson State University has led to increasing enrollment figures and an expanding payroll. OTC currently enrolls 170 full-time technical students and 263 HSU students, along with employing 46 full-time personnel. Although the numbers are exciting, Jones says he will not be satisfied until he sees enrollment grow three times its current numbers.

In addition to gaining North Central Association accreditation, other plans for the school include continuing to upgrade equipment to modern industrial machinery standards, achieving certification for college work study and expanding classroom facilities.

Jones said OTC will open bids April 6 on planned renovations of the old building trades facility, which will house the Licensed Practical Nursing and health occupations programs.

The school's library, currently housed in the community room, will then be moved into the old nursing department, expanding the facility and increasing privacy for students, Jones said.

Also on the horizon is a new "multi-plex," a 24,000 square-



**Bob Jones has been on staff at Ouachita since its inception in 1971.**

foot administration, community room and laboratory building. A large portion of the current Futures Unlimited fund drive will go toward construction of that building in the next few years, Jones said.

Jones plays a vital part in raising funds to see his goals through as chairman of Family Gifts. He is proud to say contributions from OTC employees and staff are at 100 percent and have more than doubled the foundation's expectations.

"That tells me the employees are very interested in seeing the goals of the college accomplished," he said.

One of the most satisfying benefits of his job, Jones says, is working with students and seeing the progress made in their lives.

"I've seen a lot of young people make a success of their lives that probably, without this institution, they wouldn't have," he said. "It's given them a great opportunity in getting a more

economical education than they would if they'd gone straight to a four-year college."

Although Jones has no immediate plans for retirement, when he does pass the torch, he has a definite role for which he would like to be recollected:

"I want them to remember me as a person that's been very interested in every person that's come through here. That me, personally, or this institution has changed their life."

## Move to technical college brings additional needs

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The transition from a vo-tech school to a technical college has not been easy for Ouachita Technical College, and things are not getting any easier.

Because of the legislation that created the technical college, the school must be fully accredited by the North Central Association by July 1, 1997. However, before that will happen, some things are going to have to change.

Roughly 25 percent of each program curriculum will be general education, according to OTC President Ken Martin. The general education requirements demand more space for classes and laboratories.

OTC officials decided not to stop there, though. While a new building is neces-

sary for the additional classes and learning resource center, Martin said it was decided to make the flow for students easier as well.

Once constructed, the learning resource building will also contain the student services and business offices to assist students with the registration process and any other questions or problems that may arise.

Estimated at 24,000 square feet, the building would cost approximately \$1.5 million to construct. Plans currently have two seminar rooms, several study rooms, three general purpose classrooms, the business office and student services, as well as Martin's office complex, a community board room, two science labs and approximately 4,000 square feet for the learning resource center housed in the

building.

Offices and services moved to the new building would then free other rooms to be returned to general education classrooms.

In addition to the extra space needed to meet NCA requirements, five more teachers must be hired to fulfill general education requirements. Henderson State University in Arkadelphia currently acts as site coordinator for general education classes, but Martin says they will eventually "wean itself away (from OTC)."

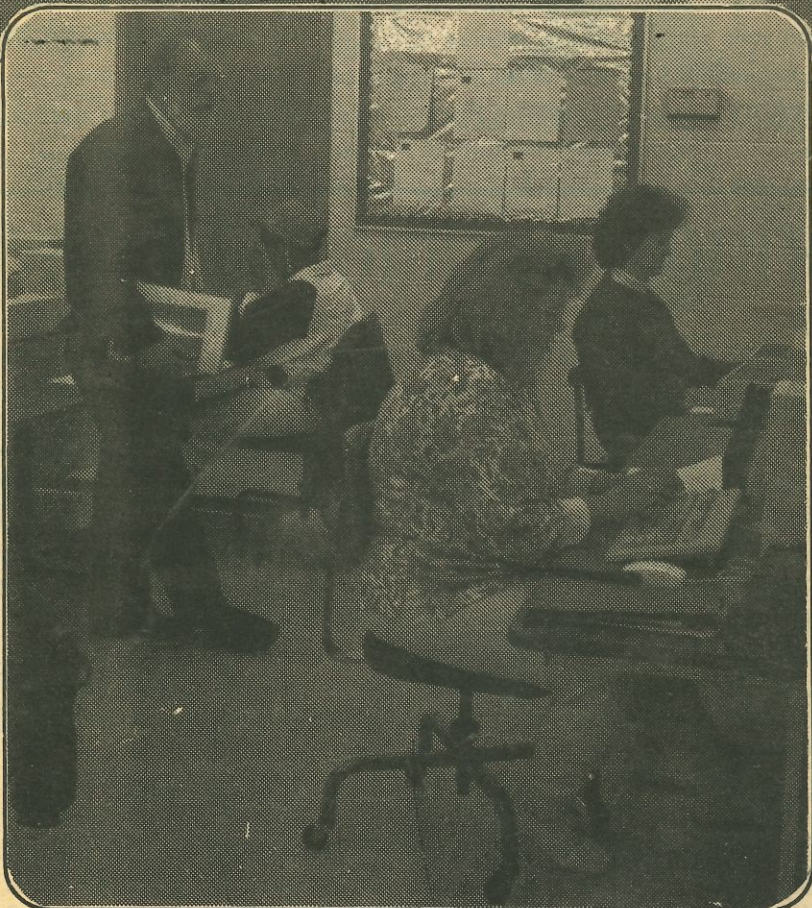
Problems with students unable to commit to school full-time have prompted Martin and members of the foundation to adapt the class schedule for more flexibility. Beginning this fall, things "will look a lot different from the past 21 years," Martin promises.

"Our curriculum is in fairly sad shape," Martin explains, "(we're) teaching in the old vo-tech model." However, as the changes for general education come into reality, so will other changes in the curriculum. Additionally, because of the similarity of general education requirements for various degrees, Martin hopes to be able to cluster students from different fields for like requirements.

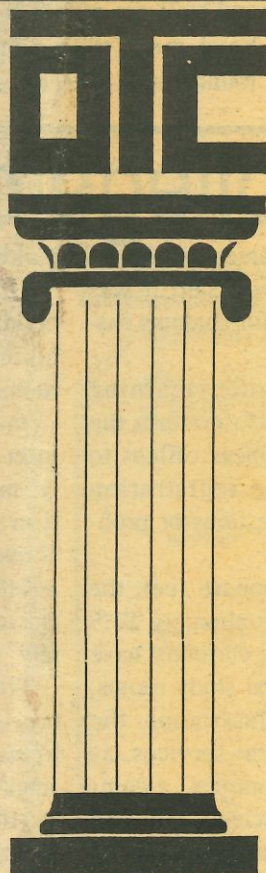
An umbrella degree, an associate of applied science degree business, office and information systems technology, will provide a degree with numerous variations.

The general education requirements will be flanked by a broad technology core, which is further broken down into a

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