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Scholarship presented

Doris West (center), a 1982 graduate of Ouachita Vocational Technical School's nursing program, accepts the first scholarship by Hot Spring County Memorial Hospital and the Bank of Malvern for a pilot program by Garland County Community College. The program will allow Licensed Practical Nurses to take college courses at Ouachita Vo-

tech toward a Registered Nurses' degree. Also pictured are (from left) Lynette Smith, director of nursing at HSCMH; Jeff Curtis, hospital administrator; Don Tackett, executive vice president of Bank of Malvern and Earl Clevenger, director of Ouachita Vo-tech.

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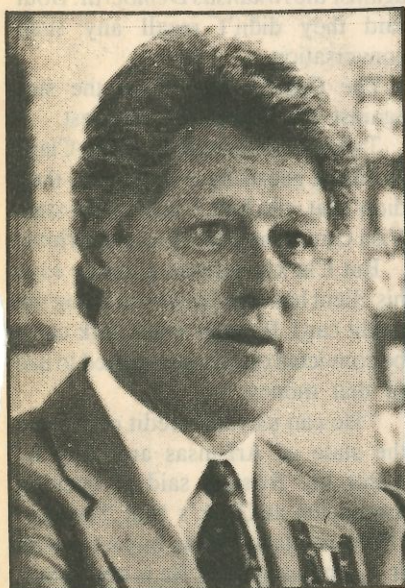
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Democratic candidates gather support at rally



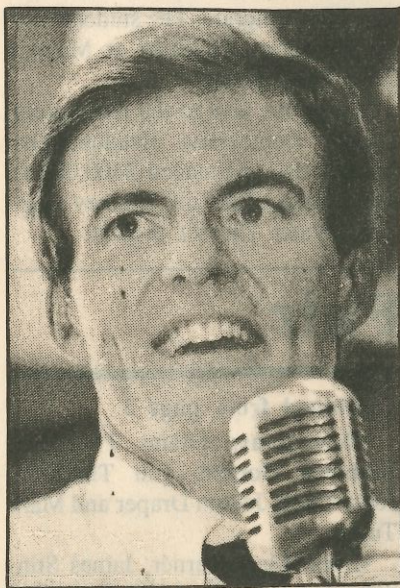
BILL CLINTON
Gubernatorial candidate

By **SUSAN SCANTLIN**
Editor

Top state Democratic candidates, sharing a partisan stump, rallied support from a crowd of more than 850 here Tuesday night.

The "Who's Who" among the state's Democrats, including incumbent Gov. Bill Clinton, attorney general candidate Winston Bryant, lieutenant governor candidate Jim Guy Tucker and incumbent Secretary of State Bill McCuen, greeted guests at the Hot Spring County Democratic Central Committee Rally.

The candidates used the opportunity to stir party



JIM GUY TUCKER
Lt. governor candidate

support before the Nov. 6 general election. Participants were treated to a barbecue meal served in the former Van-Atkins store in the old Malvern shopping center.

State Sen. George Hopkins of Malvern introduced the candidates, who spoke briefly before departing for a Democratic rally in Miller County.

Gov. Clinton's speech climaxed an afternoon of campaigning in Hot Spring County. Clinton spoke earlier in the afternoon with participants at the Hot Spring County Senior Adult Center in Malvern before announcing the release of \$50,000 to support a registered nurse training program.



BILL McCUEN
Secretary of State



WINSTON BRYANT
Attorney general candidate

The RN training program is being offered by Garland County Community College at Ouachita Vocational Technical School in Malvern. The funds will be used to hire a full-time instructor for the course.

Bryant, a native of Donaldson, is widening his lead over Republican Asa Hutchinson, according to recent polls. Bryant shared his plans for the attorney general's office.

"I want to be your attorney general and your advocate. My agenda includes working closely

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Nursing program funded

By **SUSAN SCANTLIN**
Editor

A local program to train registered nurses and the Kimzey Regional Water District Inc. received a financial boost during Gov. Bill Clinton's visit to Malvern Tuesday.

Clinton announced the state is releasing \$50,000 to fund the RN training program offered by Garland County Community College at Ouachita Vocational Technical School. The program is designed to assist licensed practical nurses in gaining the required courses to become registered nurses.

"There is a terrible shortage of nurses in our state and programs such as this will help us alleviate that shortage. Nurses graduating from the program will also have a 100 percent chance of getting a job with a salary significantly higher than they were earning before," Clinton said.

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Editorial

Cooperative agreement serves student needs

A creative link between educational resources, student and community needs received a welcome shot in the arm this week.

Gov. Bill Clinton's announcement of the release of \$50,000 for the local registered nurse training program will provide the missing financial link.

Through a cooperative agreement, Garland County Community College is providing the opportunity for licensed practical nurses to gain registered nurse certification. The courses are being offered on the Ouachita Vocational Technical School campus in Malvern. Laboratory facilities at Magnet Cove High School are also being utilized to fulfill curriculum requirements.

This pioneer program is an innovative network of educational services that will serve as a working model for other state-supported post-secondary institutions. The program demonstrates what can be accomplished when an educational facility is shaped by local needs.

Hot Spring County, like the state and nation, is suffering the effects of a critical shortage of nurses. Currently, the demand exceeds the supply and it is difficult for rural hospitals to attract and retain registered nurses.

GCCC responded to the need for a local registered nurse training program that offered the opportunity for licensed practical nurses to obtain the course credits needed to expand their certification.

Work schedules, family demands and limited financial resources restrict many adults seeking to expand their educational level, job skills and earning potential. After determining the community's need for the program, GCCC and Ouachita officials decided — if the students cannot commute to the courses, then the courses must be transported to the students.

This agreement is an example of how state-supported institutions including two-year, four-year and vocational programs, can blend their educational resources without losing their individual identity and mission.

Hopefully, state legislators and education officials will take note of the benefits of community-shaped educational facilities in the upcoming legislative debate over restructuring the state's vocational education system.

The GCCC-Ouachita Vo-Tech cooperative agreement should serve as the cornerstone for a much-needed comprehensive adult education plan for Arkansas.

It's simple, it works and two-year, four-year and vo-tech institutions retain their own identity and mission through cooperative agreements that are shaped by the community's educational needs.