



Ouachita Technical College

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2003

OTC's Allied Health Building set to house students for coming semester

(Editor's Note: This is an installment in a continuing series on the progress and growth of Malvern and Hot Spring County.)

By MARK BIVENS
Editor

Construction of the Ouachita Technical College Allied Health Building is complete and OTC President Dr. Barry Ballard says the faculty and staff are in the process of moving in.

The 11,000-square foot building will house five laboratory rooms to support nursing, allied health and high school medical profession education. The latter program was requested by area high

schools.

"It looks like children have had Christmas in every room," Ballard said, referring to the paper and wrappings. "This is a wonderful building."

The building construction was a \$1 million project. Ballard said the equipment, furniture and landscaping added an additional \$250,000 to the price tag.

Ballard reports the college is in partnership with 18 area high schools and that over 300 high school students enrolled at OTC this past spring.

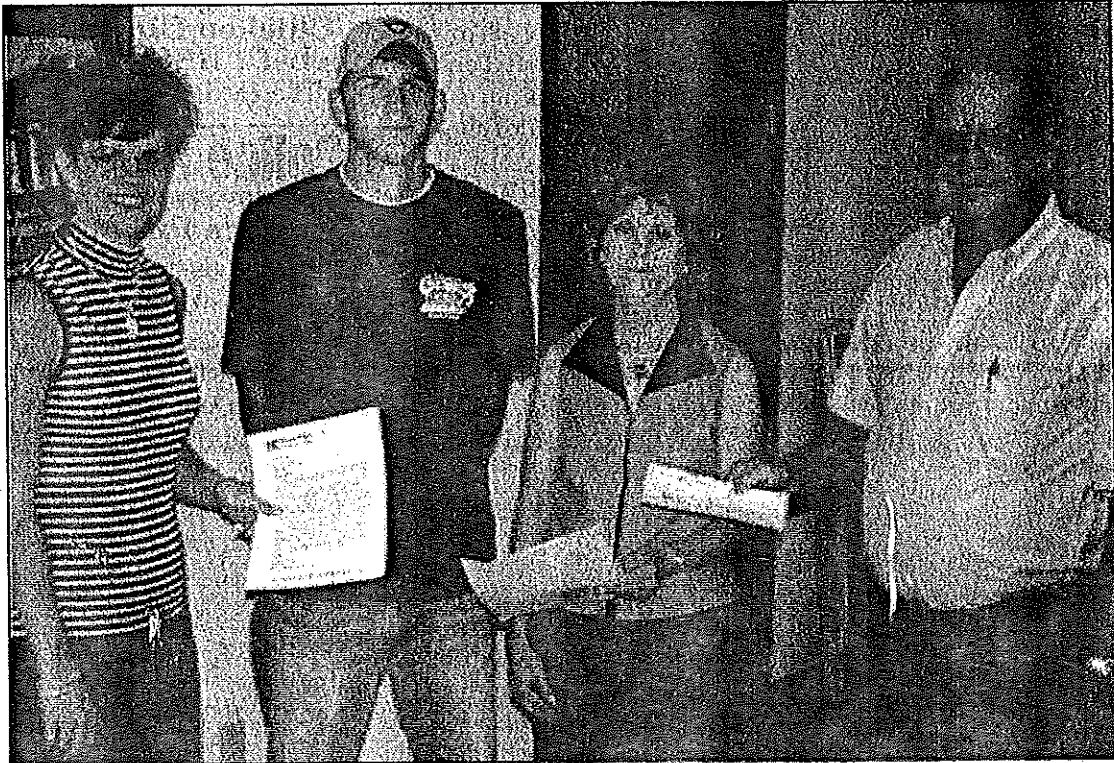
"We have over 200 high school students on campus every day," Ballard said.

"Hopefully we'll see more (opportunities) for women too. We had 1,841 students enrolled last year — a new record."

A dedication for the Allied Health Building is scheduled for Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. Ballard said that will give the faculty, staff and students a chance to get settled in the building before the dedication.

For now, Ballard says the plan is for the name Allied Health Building to remain. But if someone wanted to donate a sizable amount of money, that could change.

"We'd be delighted to name it after someone," Ballard said of a major contributor.



BIG FISH, BIG PRIZE — Kevin Brown (second from left) was the winner of the Malvern/Hot Spring County Chamber of Commerce Tag Fishing Derby. Brown caught the six-pound bass on Lake Catherine and raked in \$355 in cash and a two-night stay at Lake Catherine State Park. Pictured with Brown are (left to right) Amber Lindsey of Ouachita Technical College, Patsy Jackson of the Chamber and James Crowder, representing the people and businesses that donated the cash prize. Those donating were Stihl Southwest, Western Sizzlin, Farm Bureau, Ann Harp, Entergy Hydro Operation, Keeney Food Market, Malvern/Hot Spring County Chamber of Commerce, Malvern Nursing Home, Young's Health Mart, Mike Clayton Buick-Pontiac-GMC, Wal-Mart, Judge Phillip Shirron, Popolo's Pizza and Southern State Bank. The derby has been held since 1968. (Photo by Mark Bivens)

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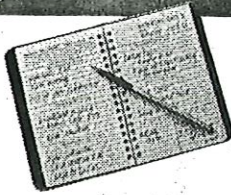
Submitted to : Benton Courier, Arkadelphia Daily Siftings, Malvern Daily Record, Bismarck Mountain Journal, Fordyce News Advocate, Gurdon Times, Hot Springs Village Voice, Sentinel Record, Spirit of Saline County, Tri-Lakes, and Sheridan Headlight on August 28, 2003.

Fun-Ed/Continuing Education Classes to begin in September at OTC

Ouachita Technical College is offering Fun Ed/Continuing Education Classes beginning in September. Class offerings are listed below along with their start dates. If you are interested in any of the classes, please contact Tony Hunnicutt at (501)337-5000, ext. 1136, for costs, times, etc.

CLASS	STARTING DATE
Conversational Spanish	Monday, September 8
Computer Basics	Thursday, September 11
Learning to Crochet	Monday, September 15
Floral Arrangements	Thursday, September 18
Self-Express with Watercolors	Thursday, September 18
Beginning Knitting	Monday, September 22
Auto Mechanics	Monday, September 22
Hypnotherapy	TBA

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M A L V E R N , A R K A N S A S



OTC lands \$1.8 million Title III grant

By MARK BIVENS
Editor

Ouachita Technical College (OTC) in Malvern received notification from Senators Blanche Lincoln and Mark Pryor and Congressman Mike Ross late Wednesday that the college had been awarded a five-year \$1.8 million Title III grant. The information came in the form of phone calls from Congressional offices. Notification of the grant had been anticipated since July. The first year of the project will be funded at \$363,737.

Title III funds are meant to improve student learning, student retention and graduation rates. The college will use such funds to assist with student services, instructional technology and obtaining additional financial resources.

"This is a huge thing for us because we have been so strapped for finances," Dr. Barry Ballard, president of OTC said Thursday afternoon. "Our enrollment has grown much faster (than anticipated) and finally we're going to have some money to help us do extra things."

Ballard said OTC had done

almost "too good a job" in growth, but that he was proud of that achievement.

"This grant will be totally focused on improving learning and graduation rates," Ballard said.

The grant, which was written by Mark Burris, Title III Project Director, will also provide a \$720,000 endowment fund that will provide ongoing funds for student scholarships, faculty development, and technological improvements. Twelve colleges in Arkansas submitted grants; only three were accepted.

Ballard indicated that student enrollments have doubled in the last six years as the reputation of the college has grown but state revenues have been flat because of the slowing economy. "As a result, every extra dollar has been plowed into instruction, primarily adjunct faculty salaries, and we have become less personal and less able to respond to the instructional, financial, and personal needs of our students."

Congressman Ross told the Malvern/Hot Spring County Chamber of Commerce of the grant Thursday morning at the monthly Chamber Breakfast where Ross was the featured speaker.

"OTC has done wonderful things," Ross said. "They're not shy about asking for money. "Barry (Ballard) and the folks at OTC made this happen."



Ballard

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... helps build, fine-tune basic skills

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staff takes Adult Ed to populations with low socio-
 economic advantages who might be unable to reach
 Adult Ed's offices on East Page Avenue in Malvern.

And better yet, "It's prepaid by your taxes." That
 means when students enroll, they don't have to
 sign a check — that's been done by April 15 each
 year.

But it's not free. It's an investment of time and
 effort.

But for literacy — whether for business or pleas-
 ure use — the investment has high dividends.

September 10, 2003
 Malvern Daily Record



Pictured are WAGE graduates and staff: Maude Pierce, Patricia Harmon, Jan Robertson, Rhonda Stroud, Gwen Robbins and Dr. Barry Ballard. Graduates not pictured are Sheri Fulbright, Sharon Davis, Nicole Johnson, Bonnie Griffin, Carolyn Parrish, Doris Anderson and Eddie Conklin.

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Adult education staff members are Zelma Jones, coordinator; instructors Brenda D. Keisler and Jan Robertson; Stella Murdock, paraprofessional. Even Start Family Literacy staff are Sarah Eppler, recruiter/case manager; Cathy Larson and Rhonda Stroud, instructors; part-time paraprofessional Brooklyn Blackmon.

At Bismarck, Barbara Richardson handles GED classes and Donna Placker leads ESL.

January
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Spring 2004 Registration Schedule

Spring Registration (on-campus & on-line) January 5 - 6
Late Registration January 9
Classes Begin January 12
Last Day to Adjust Schedules by 6:00 p.m. January 13



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Amber Lindsey

From: Amber Lindsey [amber@otcweb.edu]
Sent: Thursday, January 08, 2004 3:58 PM
To: Sentinel Record; Malvern Daily Record (ads); Arkadelphia Siftings (ads)
Subject: Line ad for Ouachita Technical College

Please run the following line ad in the first available paper for three consecutive days. Please send a confirmation of receipt of this e-mail along with the total cost for the ad. Thanks!
Amber Lindsey

Amber J. Lindsey
Director of Development
Ouachita Technical College
Malvern, AR 72104
(501)337-5000, ext. 1134
amber@otcweb.edu <mailto:amber@otcweb.edu>

Ouachita Technical College Adult Education in Malvern, AR, is seeking qualified applicants for two (2) Even Start Family Literacy Infant/Toddler Child Care Center (birth – 36 months) Teaching Assistant Positions. Qualifications: Associate degree in Early Childhood Education required, Bachelor degree preferred; appropriate certification required; ability to read well to both children and adults (diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds); and the ability to work in a team setting. Hours: Monday – Friday, flexible scheduling with a maximum of 40 hours per week. Salary: commensurable with experience and educational level. NOTE: These are 12 month positions funded with grant money. Ouachita Technical College reapplies for grant funding each year. Hiring procedures include drug testing and a background check.

Application deadline is January 19, 2004. Send resume and cover letter to: Personnel Office, Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, AR 72104. Questions may be directed to: Zelma Jones, 1519 East Page Avenue, Malvern, AR 72104 or by phone at (501)332-5002. OTC is an AA/EO Two-Year College.

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Amber Lindsey

From: Amber Lindsey [amber@otcweb.edu]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2004 1:57 PM
Subject: Malvern Daily Record (classifieds)
Ad for Ouachita Technical College

Please run the following classified ad in the MDR on Friday, January 16.

Thanks!
Amber Lindsey

Ouachita Technical College in Malvern, AR, is seeking qualified applicants for a Technical Program Specialist. Funded under a federal Carl Perkins grant, the primary focus of this position will be to work directly with faculty and marketing staff to develop strategies designed to increase the enrollment of technical programs. Other duties of this position will be to establish student internships with business and industry, to work with the community to increase awareness of technical programs, to establish partnerships with appropriate military and industry entities, and to solicit technical equipment donations from business and industry. Required Qualifications: two-year degree in a technical field; experience working with business, industry, or military industry. Preferred Qualifications: teaching experience in a technical area; industry certifications; and knowledge of technical equipment utilized in electronics, computer information systems, and cabling.

Hiring procedures include drug testing and a background check. Please send resume and cover letter by January 28, 2004, to Personnel Office, Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, Arkansas, 72104. OTC is an AA/EO Two-Year College.

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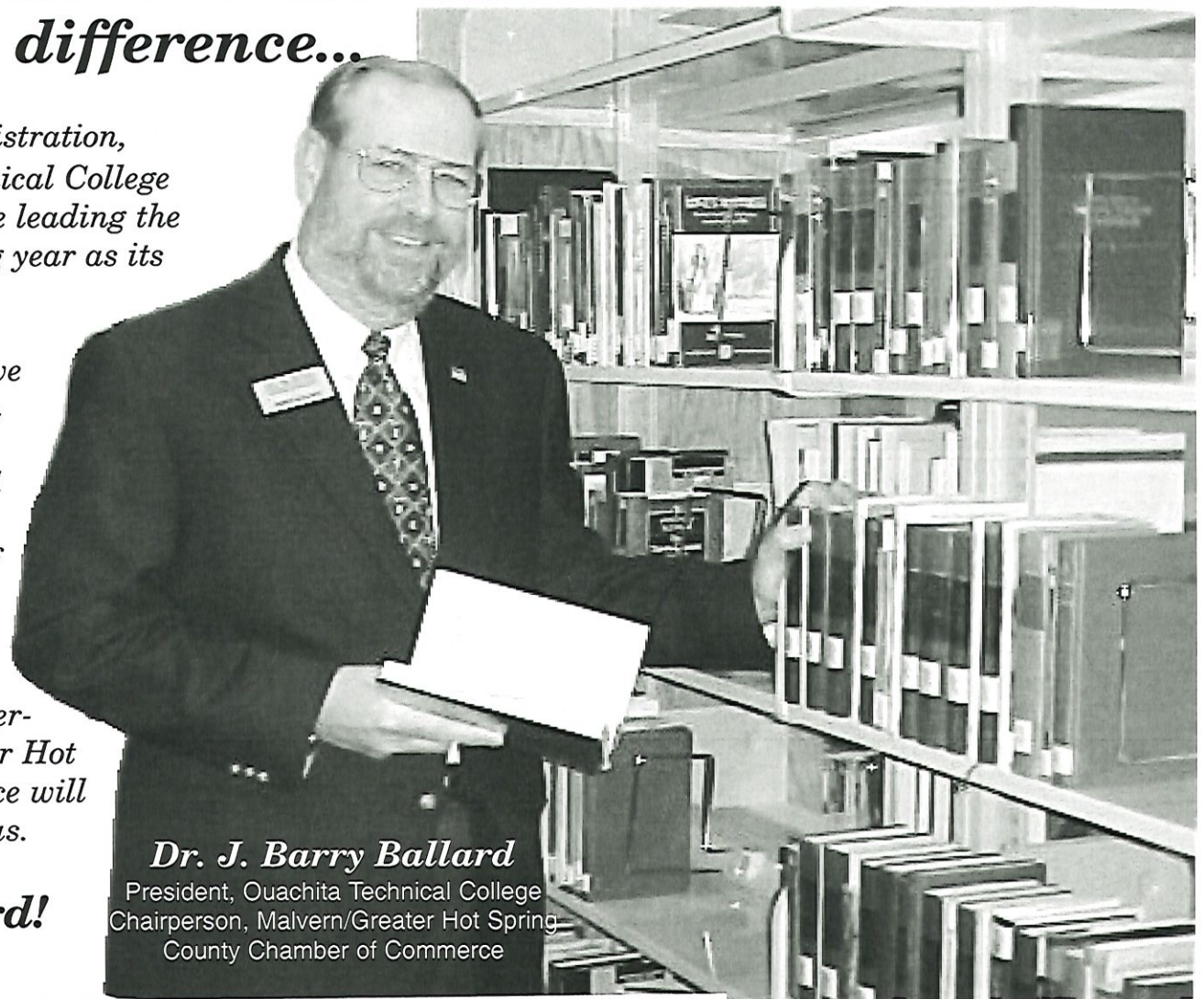
Making a positive difference...

The Board of Trustees, Administration, Faculty and Staff of Ouachita Technical College are proud that one of our own will be leading the Chamber of Commerce in the coming year as its new chairperson.

Dr. Barry Ballard is a proactive community leader who is involved in numerous civic, church, business, industry and community groups and works to get others involved too. In addition he is the President of one of the fastest growing two-year colleges in Arkansas.

We feel confident that his leadership for 2004 in the Malvern/Greater Hot Spring County Chamber of Commerce will make a positive difference for all of us.

Good luck, Dr. Ballard!



Dr. J. Barry Ballard

President, Ouachita Technical College
Chairperson, Malvern/Greater Hot Spring
County Chamber of Commerce

Amber Lindsey

From: Amber Lindsey [amber@otcweb.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2004 8:34 AM
To: Arkadelphia Siftings (rel); Benton Courier (releases); Bismarck Mountain Journal; Malvern Daily Record (releases); Patrick Hemingway
Subject: Press release for Ouachita Tech

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 2, 2004

CONTACT: AMBER J. LINDSEY
(501)337-5000, ext. 1134

OTC introduces Scrapbooking 101 class

Where are your precious photographs? In boxes under the bed? In the top of the closet? Ouachita Technical College wants to help you preserve your family's memories and get them "out of the box".

Ouachita Technical College Continuing Education Department in Malvern will offer a non-credit class entitled Scrapbooking 101. Scrapbooking is the art of organizing photographs and placing them into albums with the use of acid-free products and embellishments. Photographs tell a story, and scrapbooking helps to complete the story. Scrapbooking is a very rewarding hobby for all ages.

The 8-week class will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. beginning February 20, 2004, at the college. With a fee of \$60, each attendee will learn how to preserve photographs and memories. Seating is limited, so call and reserve your spot today. For more details, call Diana at (501) 337-5000, ext. 1136.

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Amber Lindsey

From: Amber Lindsey [amber@otcweb.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, February 03, 2004 9:18 AM
To: Arkadelphia Siftings (rel); Benton Courier; Bismarck Mountain Journal; Malvern Daily Record (releases); Patrick Hemingway
Subject: Watercolor press release for Ouachita Tech

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 3, 2004

CONTACT: AMBER J. LINDSEY
(501)337-5000, ext. 1134

EXPRESS YOURSELF WITH WATERCOLORS

Ouachita Technical College Continuing Education Department in Malvern will offer a non-credit class entitled "Self-Expression with Watercolors". Learn painting step-by-step with watercolors to express your own scenes. With no experience necessary, each class will repeat principles and techniques for building skill.

The class will be held every Monday for eight weeks beginning March 1, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cost for the class is \$96.

The instructor, Merrilee Kinzie from Magnet Cove, earned her Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts Management from National Louis University and has been an exhibiting artist since 1988. Ms. Kinzie currently has painting on display at Metropolis Art Gallery in Hot Springs and paints commission artwork in her spare time. If you would like more information about this class, please contact Ms. Kinzie at 337-5498, or you may register for the class by calling Diana at Ouachita Technical College's Continuing Education Department at 501-337-5000, ext. 1136. A materials list will be provided upon registration. Beginners and advanced painters welcome.

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Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2004 4:32 PM
To: Malvern Daily Record (classifieds); Arkadelphia Siftings (ads)
Subject: Line ad for Ouachita Technical College

Below is a line ad that we would like to run on Friday, February 6.

Thanks!
Amber

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Ouachita Technical College in Malvern is seeking qualified applicants for a Computer Lab/Tutor Coordinator. The twelve-month classified position is responsible for supervising and maintaining records for the tutoring component and coordinating all facets of the Computer Learning Lab for students in reading, English, math, and other areas. Experience in data entry and knowledge of the general operations of computers and familiarity of classes taught at OTC is preferred. The successful candidate for this position should demonstrate the ability to work with low income and first generation college students. A high school diploma or equivalent is required with an Associate Degree preferred.

An annual salary of \$14,365 - \$16,099 is dependent upon grant available funding. The position is open and the selection committee will receive and review applications until the position is filled. Hiring procedures include drug testing and a background check. Please send a cover letter and resume to: Personnel Office, Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, AR 72104, (501)337-5000 or (800)337-0266. OTC is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Two-Year College.

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Mark Bivens ---

Feb 11, 2004

You may receive the attached press release from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education on the AP wire. We'd like to submit the following statement from Dr. Ballard to be used along with the release.

Quote from Dr. Barry Ballard---

"Wal-Mart approved our on-line courses because they were impressed with the quality. When we started five years ago, we had few courses on the Internet and only a few students. Now because of the quality, convenience and low cost, this is the fastest growing area of our offerings and it is the fastest growing sector of higher education nationally. We now have over 400 students taking on-line courses."

I'll be out of the office on Thursday but Dr. Ballard should be available if you have any questions or you can call me on Friday.

Thanks!

Amber

FEBRUARY 11, 2004

Arkansas Colleges providing online instruction to Wal-Mart associates

LITTLE ROCK – A consortium effort led by Arkansas' two-year colleges will bring higher education to associates at Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., through distance education beginning in February.

The 22-member consortium of Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock was selected in fall 2003 by Wal-Mart as a preferred educational provider for a newly implemented benefit at Wal-Mart. NorthWest Arkansas Community College in Bentonville was instrumental in the formation of the consortium.

Governor Mike Huckabee has commented on how the collaboration will strengthen the workforce.

"This cooperative effort is a natural extension of my focus on improving access to and affordability of higher education in Arkansas," said Gov. Huckabee. "Our partnership with Wal-Mart is part of an effort to improve economic development by raising educational levels across the country."

Wal-Mart's "My Education Connection" is a benefit that offers associates the opportunity to take online courses from preferred education providers with the benefit of a negotiated tuition discount.

Associates of Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, will be offered 92 online sections of 39 courses this spring semester by Arkansas colleges. NorthWest Arkansas Community College will be the portal for all courses offered to Wal-Mart associates.

"We are excited about the opportunity to provide these courses to Wal-Mart associates," said Dr. Ed Franklin, Executive Director of the AATYC, "especially since the Wal-Mart corporate office is located in Arkansas."

UALR Chancellor Joel Anderson said: "UALR is pleased to be a partner with Wal-Mart and the state's two-year colleges in providing an opportunity for Wal-Mart employees to complete a 4-year degree online. This is an ambitious step that will increase access to college degrees."

Wal-Mart associates are registering for these online classes, which begin Monday, Feb. 2, 2004. Associates are eligible to receive the NWACC/AATYC contracted tuition rate of \$90 per credit hour when enrolling in these online courses.

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All traditional campus support services, such as academic and career advising, financial aid, and tutoring will be available online.

“This agreement with NorthWest Arkansas Community College and its consortium members gives our associates greater flexibility in earning undergraduate degrees – anytime, anywhere with internet access,” said Charles Baldwin, Vice President of Wal-Mart's People Development Group. “It doesn't matter where they live, or what time of day or night they want to study.

“This collaboration allows Wal-Mart associates throughout the United States to earn college degrees from a high-quality, accredited institution at their convenience – and get the personal support they need to meet their educational goals at a discounted rate. We're delighted to offer this value-added benefit to all of our associates.”

Other consortium members include the following two-year colleges:

- Arkansas Northeastern College
- Arkansas State University at Beebe
- Arkansas State University at Mountain Home
- Arkansas State University at Newport
- Black River Technical College
- Cossatot Community College of the University of Arkansas
- East Arkansas Community College
- Mid-South Community College
- National Park Community College
- NorthWest Arkansas Community College
- North Arkansas College
- Ouachita Technical College
- Ozarka College
- Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas
- Pulaski Technical College
- Rich Mountain Community College
- South Arkansas Community College
- Southern Arkansas University Tech
- Southeast Arkansas College
- University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville
- University of Arkansas Community College at Hope
- University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton

“The extra effort of professionals at Arkansas colleges to develop online classes for this program is especially appreciated as a partnership with Arkansas' most well-known retailer,” said Dr. Linda Beene, Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

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<p>Automotive Technology Power Equipment Technology Industrial Equipment Maintenance Technology Computer Systems Technology Cosmetology Medical Professions Education Welding</p>	<p>For a detailed brochure or more information on any of these courses, contact Ruben Keisler, Director, Ouachita Technical College One College Circle Malvern, AR 72104 rkeisler@otcweb.edu (501) 337-5000, ext. 1176</p>
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Amber Lindsey

From: Amber Lindsey [amber@otcweb.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2004 4:34 PM
To: Malvern Daily Record (releases)
Subject: OTC Transfer/Career Fair

Ouachita Technical College will host the annual Transfer/Career Fair on Thursday, March 11, 2004, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The following vendors will be on campus to visit with fair attendees and will be recruiting qualified individuals for employment or transfer:

Arkansas Department of Correction
Arkansas Department of Human Services
Arkansas Employment Security Department
Arkansas State Police
Army National Guard
Arkansas State University
Baptist Health Schools of Nursing & Allied Health
Central Arkansas Development Council
Corps of Engineers - DeGray
Hi-Tech Comact
Henderson State University
Hot Springs Fire Department
Jefferson Regional Medical Center
Lyon College
Rineco
Southern Arkansas University
Saline Memorial Hospital
Timber Ridge Ranch
University of Arkansas - Monticello
UAMS - College of Nursing
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
University of Central Arkansas
U.S. Army & Army Reserves
United States Naval Recruiting
U.S. Bank

If you would like to be a vendor at this event, please contact Marshel Johnson at Ouachita Technical College, at (501)337-5000, ext. 1111.

March 13, 2004

Every year before Spring Break, Ouachita Technical College hosts Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Health and Safety Awareness Week. The event included presentations from the Spinal Cord Commission, the Attorney General's office, Hot Spring County Health Department and Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. The Arkansas Army National Guard brought a helicopter as part of the program, and the Arkansas State Police brought a golf cart for students to drive wearing 'fatal vision' goggles. Displays included checks of blood pressure, glucose and vision, as well as information booths. (Photo by LaJuan Mooney)



Ouachita teacher Mrs. Burriss takes a turn driving the police cart

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NOT A DESTINATION.
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Associate Degrees

Business Information Technology in

Accounting
Administrative Professional
Medical Transcription
Management

Computer Information Systems/Network Management

Computer Information Systems/Network Engineering

General Education/Transfer

Associate of Arts in Teaching

Early Childhood Education

Criminal Justice

Manufacturing Technology in

Industrial Electronics
Industrial Equipment Maintenance

Technical Certificates

Accounting

Administrative Professional

Computer Repair

Cosmetology

Industrial Electronics

Management

Medical Office Administration and Coding

Practical Nursing

Certificate of Proficiency

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

CISCO Networking Academy I & II

Early Childhood Education

Industrial Electronics

MCSE

Ouachita Career Center

High School Programs:

Automotive Technology

Cosmetology

Medical Professions Education (Med-Pro Ed)

Microcomputer Systems Technology

Power Equipment Technology

Welding

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Benton Courier (2004 On The Move Edition)

Former OTC Student Justin Wise



JUSTIN WISE

"After completion of my service to Ameri-Corps, I began school at Ouachita Technical College (OTC)

March 31, 2004

Sheridan Headlight

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Associate Degrees

Business Information Technology in
Accounting
Administrative Professional
Medical Transcription
Management
Computer Information Systems/Network Management
Computer Information Systems/Network Engineering
General Education/Transfer
Associate of Arts in Teaching
Early Childhood Education
Criminal Justice
Manufacturing Technology in
Industrial Electronics
Industrial Equipment Maintenance

Technical Certificates

Accounting
Administrative Professional
Computer Repair
Cosmetology
Industrial Electronics
Management
Medical Office Administration and Coding
Practical Nursing

Certificate of Proficiency

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
CISCO Networking Academy I & II
Early Childhood Education
Industrial Electronics
MCSE

Ouachita Career Center

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

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Benton Courier (2004 On The Move Edition)

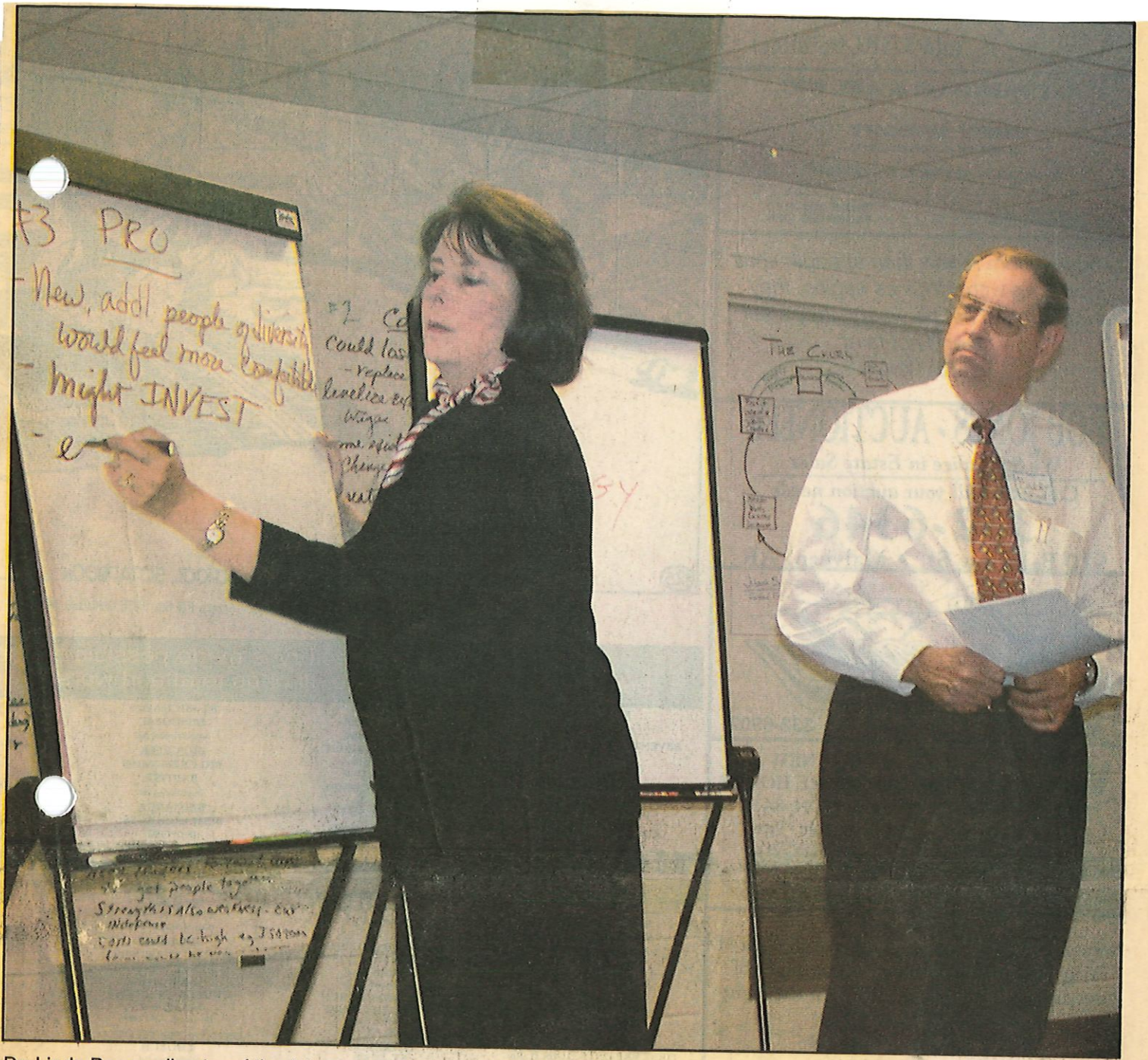
OTC graduates record number in 2004

Mark Bivens



MARCHING TO THE FUTURE — Ouachita Technical College honored 161 graduates at Saturday's 2004 Commencement Exercises at Malvern High School Auditorium, the largest class ever. Last year OTC graduated 144, which stood as a record number until this year. Bill Stilwell, (above) chair of the OTC Board of Trustees, handed out a diploma to a happy graduate. Dr. Charles S. Dunn, president of Henderson State University, delivered the Commencement Address. Stilwell (below) presented Jody Bivens with a degree in Medical Office Administration/Medical Coding, one of seven to receive such degrees. (Photo by Mark Bivens)





Dr. Linda Beene, director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, charts questions as Dr. Barry Ballard, president of Ouachita Technical College, looks on during a meeting Thursday at OTC. (Photo by Mark Bivens)

Malvern Daily Record - June 4

Student Government Association of Ouachita Technical College presents check to SkillsUSA



MAR - June 8th.



OTC Announces Honor List

Ouachita Technical College recently announced the President's and Dean's List for the Spring 2004 semester. Students on the President's List have earned 12 or more credit hours in college level courses and achieved a 4.0 grade point average for the semester. Those named to the President's List include Clark County residents: **Michael Glen Currey, Tosha Yvette Horton of Gurdon**; Garland County resident: **Johnny G. Gregory of Hot Springs**; Grant County residents: **Kelly D. Holiman of Prattsville, Lyndsey Michelle Rogers of Sheridan**; Hot Spring County residents: **Steven D. Merritt of Donaldson, Natasha Eve Archer, Angela Ranae Ford, Lenzy J. Garner, Melissa Gayle Hedges, Betty Diane Hurst, Allen Jay Leible, Alice Fae Lester, Brandi A. Loyd, Christopher Trema Newborn, Franklin E. Patrick, Sharla A. Polke, Laugretta Williams of Malvern**; Christie Lynn Roark of Poyen Ouachita County resident: **Tammy Elaine Haynes of Bearden**; Pulaski County resident: **Linda K. Johnston of Jacksonville, Don Duane Miller of Little Rock**; Saline County residents: **Jessica E. Berryhill, Glynda G. Brinsfield, Nelda Miller Horn, Robert A. Jackson, Donald David Quattlebaum, Dana M. Smith, Kristi K. Upshaw, May S. Wyllia, Brenda D. Young of Benton**; Union County resident: **Kevin Lloyd Burns of El Dorado**.

Students named to the Dean's List have earned 12 or more credit hours in college level courses and achieved a 3.50 grade point average for the semester. Those named to the Dean's List include Clark County residents: **Kristel Michelle Golden, Denise Larhonda Guinn, Jamie L. Jackson, Megan T. Knox, Linda Faye Lemons of Arkadelphia, Lola Jane Hatley of Gurdon**; Garland County resident: **Christopher Wade Haight of Hot Springs**; Grant County residents: **Justin Scott Camp, Tony Glen Vaughn of Prattsville, William Joshua Thomason of Sheridan**; Hot Spring County residents: **John Christopher Lee, Holli Lynn Thornton, Elizabeth Antoine McMahan of Bismarck, Kourtney L. Wallace of Donaldson, Shanetta Patryce Barker, Devan Marie Bashaw, Alessa M. Buckheister, Cynthia Rachelle Cain, Sharon Renee Clardy, Keith Shelby Crawford, Versie Mae Cross, Adan Russell Crutchfield, Brad Hunter Crutchfield, Michelle L. Dawn, Vanessa N. Draper, Karen Renee Elliott, Melody Lynn Fuller, Tina D. Gentry, Emily Marlene Gibson, Martha Jane Hohrine, Holly N. Johnson, Kassandra Nicole Langston, Mathew Owen Laster, Alexandra Katherine Lea, Lynda Gail Lisenbey, Boyd M. McPherson, Jesse Lee Messec, Norma Fae Riggan, Jay Lynn Rogers, Briana Leigh Roupe, Jeremy Brandon Witham, of Malvern**; Pulaski County resident: **Sherry A. Phillips of Little Rock**; and Saline County residents: **Tisha J. English of Alexander, Rose Marie Adams, Dustin A. Dyer, Melinda Suzette Clowers, Matthew Allen Hritz of Benton, Paula Michelle Hughes of Benton, Shannon Leann Jones, Vince R. Lancaster, Mary Ellen McAdoo, Robyn Marie Paxton, Chad David Reed, Jessica L. Smith, Austin Blake Styles, James Verlon Talley, Janette Marie Talley, Andrew Robert Woodard, of Benton**.

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- ◆ OTC graduated 142 individuals during commencement exercises in May 2004. Of the 142 graduates, 55 were from the Hot Spring County area.

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Ouachita Technical College is offering a *Child Care Orientation Training* for workers in child care centers. This training is recommended by the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education and is accepted for annual training requirements. The class will be held Saturdays beginning July 10, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. at Ouachita Technical College.



Topics and Dates of *FREE* In-Service Training Sessions:

July 10 - Child Care as a Profession, Child Growth & Dev., Developmentally Appropriate Practice

July 17 - Developmentally Appropriate Practice II, Children's Health, Handling Emergencies

July 24 - Children's Safety, Guiding Children, Communication I

July 31 - Communication II, Observations/ Assessment/ Accountability, Human Diversity

Graduates of CCOT will receive a certificate of completion and will be eligible for Child Development Associate scholarship funds.

The class will be taught by Janet Massey who has an extensive background in child care development.

For more information about this free training call Diana Fitzhugh at (501)337-5000 or (800)337-0266 ext. 1136



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OTC Adult Education under new leadership

By SHIRA KELLEY
Managing Editor

Adult Education is under new leadership in Hot Spring County, and with his background and experience, Dr. Blake Robertson should be able to handle just about anything.

He's in his fifth week at Ouachita Technical College's adult ed program, which is now called the Ouachita Area Adult Education Center, a division of Ouachita Technical College.

He's been in the adult education field for a decade, previously serving as director of the Brinkley School District's 21st Century Community Learning Center for three years, where he administered a \$1.35 million grant for the district. He was simultaneously the director of the high school's Alternative Learning Center.

Robertson has also been an instructor and head teacher in the Arkansas Department of Correction School District, which he cheerfully describes as "when I was in prison." At the Benton Work Release Unit, he started a self-study homework system for inmates who worked evenings and were unable to attend ABE or GED classes. He also taught GED and science classes at the Alexander Youth Services Center.

judge who ordered them to Adult Ed. Robertson said when he worked in Brinkley, the judge would sometimes order parents to sit in classes with their children.

Robertson is eager for Adult Education to become a greater part of the community, and to get people



Robertson

and businesses to help sponsor programs. "I want to operate a program that's for all the people. We have to find the key to turn a student into a learner, find what turns them on to education. That's what adult education is. This is going to be a fun,

educational place."

Adult education is free.

"The only burden on the student is their interest, their energy and their time. That's the only cost of adult education," Robertson said.

Arkansas is one of just two states still offering free GED testing, and the state legislature has considered charging a fee. But for now, it's free.

Another coming change for the Adult Ed program is its location: they'll be moving in August to the

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Hot Spring County Judge James Bailey recently swore Don Tackett to a seven-year term on the board of directors for Ouachita Technical College. (Photo by Shira Kelley)

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Ouachita Technical College in Malvern is seeking qualified applicants for a Part-Time Nursing Instructor to teach in the Certified Nursing Assistant Program in Benton. Qualifications: Current RN License required, two or more years of nursing experience with at least one year in long-term care. Application deadline is September 3, 2004. Position will remain open until filled. For more information, contact Sharon Turley, Nursing Department Chair, at (501)337-5000 or (800)337-0266, ext. 1200 or 1201. Hiring procedures include drug testing and a background check. Please send resume with cover letter to: Personnel Office, Ouachita Technical College, Malvern, AR 72104. OTC is an AA/EEO Two-Year College.

Thanks!
Amber Lindsey

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<u>Class</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Hypnotherapy	August 16	TBA	\$60
Intermediate Drawing	August 30	6:00p.m.- 8:00p.m.	\$65
Interior Design	August 31	6:00p.m.- 8:00p.m.	\$75
Scrapbooking	September 2	6:00p.m.- 8:00p.m.	\$60
Welding	September 7	6:00p.m.- 8:00p.m.	\$86
Basic Drawing	September 9	6:00p.m.- 8:00p.m.	\$65
Floral Arrangements	September 9	6:00p.m.- 8:00p.m.	\$75
Microsoft Excel	September 23	6:00p.m.- 8:00p.m.	\$40
Microsoft PowerPoint	October 28	6:00p.m.- 8:00p.m.	\$40

All Continuing Education/Fun-Ed classes are for a period of eight weeks, with the exception of Microsoft Excel and Microsoft PowerPoint which are held for a period of four weeks.

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MOVING IN — Dr. Blake Robertson, with the Adult Education program, was busy Friday helping with the move to the former Smith School building, which is now called a "One-Stop" and new home to the Employment Security office, Job Corps, Adult Education and CADC. (Photo by Mark Bivens)

MDR- Aug. 24

Even Start Family Literacy funded for 2004-05 session

By SHIRA KELLEY
Managing Editor

The Even Start Family Literacy program was funded for a second year of improving literacy of children and their parents.

Susan Underwood, the Arkansas Even Start director, notified Ouachita Technical College president Dr. Barry Ballard and the local Even Start staff that the grant had been refunded for \$146,633 for the 2004-05 session.

Even Start works with children from birth to age 7, and their families, to help families learn together.

"The goal of this effort is to improve a child's academic success and to provide the parent the assistance for his or her own educational needs. A parent's educational attainment is one of the best indicators of a child's academic success," Even Start recruiter and case manager Sarah Eppler said.

Even Start Family Literacy consists of four components: adult education, child education, interactive literacy (parents and children working together) and parenting classes.

Even Start opened a Child Development Center in

February to children of families participating in the program. "The center provides an educational learning environment for infants and toddlers while their parents are involved with the adult education component," Eppler said. "The Child Development Center is licensed by the state and under the guidelines of Arkansas Better Chance."

Rhonda Stroud is the infant teacher, while Beth Manning is the toddler teacher.

Even Start works with families most in need with children from birth to three years. Those parents must be actively pursuing their education and, as part of the program, must take parenting classes and other educational venues through Even Start.

Those classes are held in the same building as Even Start's licensed child care facility, in the old Smith School

on Sullenberger Street.

Participants who complete all of their required monthly hours of Even Start work will receive vouchers for the Even Start Shoppe, where they can obtain baby clothes and supplies, food coupons, gas coupons and other helpful items.

Families in Hot Spring County have many opportunities to participate in Even Start. Parenting classes are conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Malvern location. There's a satellite location at Jones Mill that also offers the classes, Eppler said. That program works in conjunction with the Open Door Ministry through Magnet Cove United Methodist Church.

Cathy Larson, coordinator for the program, also serves as parenting instructor at the CADC Smith Building location at 1735 East Sullenberger and at Shorewood Hills Methodist Church in Jones Mill. Jan Robertson is the Ouachita Area Adult Education Center instructor.

Even Start will hold a Family Day at the Smith Building on Sept. 24 from 1-6 p.m.



Ballard

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Ouachita Technical College in Malvern is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time **Administrative Assistant**. The twelve month classified position is responsible for maintaining records for the TRiO Student Support Services Program, and performing standard clerical tasks. Experience as a secretary in an educational setting, including computer proficiency with a working knowledge of Excel, Word, ACCESS, and queries, and excellent oral and written communication skills are preferred. This position reports to the Director of Student Support Services and requires a high school diploma or equivalent with an Associate degree preferred.

Salary of \$16,718 is dependent upon grant funding and has an excellent state benefits package. ***Application review will begin September 7, 2004, and the position will remain open until filled.*** Hiring procedures include drug testing and a background check. Please send a cover letter and resume to:

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Contact: Amber J. Lindsey
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Works of college students displayed

The Ouachita Technical College Library will host an art show featuring the works of two Henderson State University students, Ryan Gillespie and Anna Plese. Titled, "Recent Works", the show will open with a reception on Friday, September 24th, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The art will remain on display until October 15. The Library hours are Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 AM until 7:30 PM, and Friday, from 7:30 AM until 4:30 PM.

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College Student Retention Specialist The College invites qualified applicants for this 12-month, grant funded (4-yr grant) position to work with faculty/staff to develop 1. Research-based retention strategies, 2. MIS-based student services, 3. Workshops and training for faculty/staff/students, 4. Recruit students for pilot programs/services and 5. Data and reports to evaluate retention results. **Qualifications:** Master's degree in higher education or related field, with specialized training in student affairs preferred; 3 years minimum experience in student services; knowledge of retention strategies, enrollment processes, and intrusive advisement strategies; ability to retrieve and analyze statistical data; excellent communication skills and ability to make presentations, proven ability to work with students, faculty, peers, and supervisors; good computer skills; and general knowledge of using computer generated student information data to support innovative advisement and retention strategies. **Interviews:** Final candidates will meet with key College personnel and will develop/conduct a retention presentation. **Salary/Benefits:** \$27,000 to \$32,000 dependent on qualifications and a generous State benefits package. **Application Date:** Interviews will begin September 15 and will continue until the position is filled. Hiring procedures include a drug test and background check. Send resume with cover letter to: **Personnel Office, Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern AR 72104, (501) 337-5000 or (800) 337-0266, an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.**

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Ouachita Technical College is seeking a qualified applicant for **College Linkages Coordinator and Recruiter**. This twelve-month grant-funded appointment, which reports to the Vice President for Student Affairs, is responsible for administering Ouachita Technical College's *College Linkages* program.

Qualifications: A Bachelor's degree in Education or related field; some experience in Secondary and Post-secondary, Vocational, Technical, and/or Occupational Education and with business and industry is desired; requires excellent written and oral communication skills with an ability to interact successfully with Secondary and Post-secondary administrators, counselors, teachers, and students; an ability to implement an effective student recruitment agenda; and competent organizational and reporting skills.

Benefits: Salary \$21,547 - \$25,000 dependent upon education, experience and availability of grant funds. A generous state benefits package is included.

Review of applications will begin on **September 15, 2004** and will continue until position is filled. Hiring procedures include a drug test and background check.

Please send resume with cover letter to: Personnel Office, Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, AR 72104, (501)332-3658 or (800)337-0266. OTC is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Students Present Milkmercials

Students enrolled in the Medical Professions Education program at Ouachita Area High School Career Center, located at Ouachita Technical College, are participating in a youth apprenticeship program sponsored by Southern Arkansas University. The students, Rachel Ferriel and Jessica Johnson, will write and present a "Milkmercial" to third graders at local elementary schools on the importance of calcium in your diet. The students attend the Medical Professions Education program two hours every day as part of their regular high school curriculum. The commercials they are writing and presenting to the third graders are in addition to their regular studies. Involvement in the SAU Apprenticeship program will give the students an opportunity to be mentored during the time they are studying for a career in health care. The students have opportunities for scholarships and can take college credit courses through UAMS and Southern Arkansas University. The students are also required to work at least 10 hours in the medical field. If you would like the students to make a presentation to your elementary class, please contact Sherree Hughes, Medical Professions Education Instructor, at Ouachita Area High School Career Center, 501-337-5000, ext 1206.

Picture attached: Rachel Ferriel, Jessica Johnson and Sherree Hughes, Med Pro Ed Instructor

9/22/2004

OTC, National Guard work out deal for soldiers

By **BRENDA MAGEE**
Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College hosted a signing Thursday morning, between the Arkansas National Guard and the college, formalizing an agreement allowing Arkansas soldiers to earn their degrees free of charge.

During the legislative session, Legislators made it possible for colleges to participate in this program. Dr. Barry Ballard, President of OTC said.

The OTC board was delighted to agree, with no objection. They want to fulfill their mission as a college, to provide and expand higher education services to this community, and do their part to help soldiers, both men and women, and help improve the community.

Thanks to yesterday's ceremony, the signed document between Major General Don C. Morrow, the adjutant general of Arkansas, and Ballard, will allow Guard members attending OTC to have 75 per cent of their tuition paid by a federal tuition assistance program, with the college waving the remaining 25 per cent.

Major General Morrow expressed the signing as being a great demonstration of leadership and great patriotism. He congratulated OTC in taking this step.

During the ceremony Major

General Morrow presented to the college, from the the Guard, a statue of the Concord Minuteman, that symbolizes the



the National Guard, the oldest of the military services, which dates back to the time of the militia.

The Minuteman has one hand upon

the plow and in his other hand he is holding the musket. This symbolized that on a moment's notice he could lay down the plow, pick up the musket and defend his country. He stressed that friends and neighbors right here in Malvern, that might be teachers, policeman, plumbers or employees of some other job 'lay down the plow' picked up the musket and are serving us very proudly today.

On August 19, President Bush announced that he wanted to enhance the educational benefits for Reserve component members who have been called to service in support of the Global War on Terrorism in recognition of their sacrifices.

The Administration sent proposed legislation to Congress that creates this new educational benefit.



WHAT HAVE YOU GOT? — Dr. Barry Ballard (left) checks out the concession stand at the Ritz Theater during the Malvern/Hot Spring County Chamber of Commerce "After Hours" Monday as theater employee Jerry Benn tends to the attendees. (Photo by Mark Bivens)

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The SkillsUSA Fall Leadership Conference was held on recently in Fort Smith at the University of Arkansas. Many students from the Ouachita Area High School Career Center in Malvern attended the conference. Students enrolled at the career center come from area high schools during their regular scheduled day to take classes in career technology. High schools that send students to Ouachita Area High School Career Center include Malvern High School, Sheridan High School, Magnet Cove High School, Poyen High School, Glen Rose High School and Bismarck High School. Each student attending the leadership conference had the opportunity to participate in one of the following events: Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speaking, Job Interview, Quiz Bowl, Opening and Closing Ceremonies, Chapter Business Procedure, and Promotional Bulletin Board. Two team event competitions were also offered, Touchy Telephone and Leggo-My-Leggo. Many Ouachita Area High School Career Center students received awards for placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in an individual or team event. Many of the students received their Arkansas Statesmen Award. This award is to recognize those who have demonstrated their leadership skills and have mastered certain requirements in leadership training. The students enjoyed the conference, and look forward to the next competition on April 19 and 20 at the Hot Springs Convention Center.

Meeting addresses new area's Hispanic population

By SEAN ROCK
Staff Writer

"Are we ready for hispanics in Hot Spring County? Are we ready to accept people in the community who are not like us?"

These are the questions Dr. Blake Roberts, of the Ouachita Area Adult Education Center, has for the citizens of Malvern and all of Hot Spring County.

The Adult Education Center, is joining other sponsors such as the Hot Spring County Chamber of Commerce, Ouachita Technical College, Senator Blanche Lincoln and the City of Malvern, among

others, in hosting a town meeting today at 1:15 p.m. in the Malvern Community Center. The meeting will address the influx of hispanics into the Hot Spring County area and how local merchants might benefit from the phenomenon.

"Hispanics are coming to our area in greater numbers," said Robertson. "We as a community can either be prepared to serve these people or not. These people work and live in our community and contribute to the economy. But most people don't understand very much about the Hispanic culture. This meeting is to address all of that."

Robertson stated to see more communication between local businesses concerning how to reach out to the Hispanic community.

"Several local businesses have implemented programs to address Hispanics in our area," Robertson said. "For instance, Southern State Bank started a Basic Spanish class for tellers so that they can communicate better with Spanish speaking customers. Those are the kinds of programs I think other businesses could benefit from."

Robertson said that anyone is welcome to attend today's meeting.

Malvern gets ready to catch the next 'wave'

By MARK BIVENS
Editor

Malvern mayor Steve Northcutt said Malvern needs to be ready for the next "wave" this time around. The last time, the city missed the wave and it cost us.

Those "waves" Northcutt spoke of Tuesday night were the arrivals of construction workers for the Duke Energy plant and the Tractebelle electric plant a few years ago. Those projects brought in hundreds of construction workers. But sadly, those workers seldom stayed in Malvern. Instead, due to the lack of accommodations, they scattered out and rented houses in Hot Springs, Benton and Arkadelphia.

Northcutt said that sent money to those other cities. Northcutt said some of those construction workers spent money in Malvern to eat lunch, but when they drove home, out of habit and/or convenience, spent their money for boarding, groceries, meals and entertainment elsewhere.

But that's all water under

the bridge. How can the city prepare for the next "wave?"

There are approximately 1,000 Hispanics in Hot Spring County — many more by some estimates. Northcutt said the city needs to be ready to accommodate those residents. Tuesday he sent city employees to a town hall meeting at the Malvern Community Center to learn what the city can do to meet the needs of the Hispanic community.

Speakers versed attendees on various matters that need to be addressed to make the Hispanics feel welcome.

"They did a great job," Northcutt said of the speakers, which included Ouachita Technical College president Dr. Barry Ballard; Jorge Garcia of Edward Jones in Hot Springs; Dr. Ben Wright, a language consultant from Hot Springs; Pastor Rudy Gutterrez; Gary and Muriel Burroughs of Bismarck and Dr. Blake Robertson, of Ouachita Area Adult Center Education.

Ouachita Area Adult Education Center in Malvern, AR, is seeking qualified applicants for an **Even Start Family Literacy Infant/Toddler Child Care Center (birth – 36 months) Teaching Assistant Position**. Qualifications: Associate degree in Early Childhood Education required, Bachelor degree preferred; appropriate certification required; working knowledge of Arkansas Frameworks; ability to design and utilize daily lessons plans for toddlers; working knowledge of State licensing requirements and the ITERS-rating scales; ability to relate well to both children and adults (diverse socio-economic and cultural backgrounds); and the ability to work in a team setting. Applicants will be asked to present a 10-minute lesson on literacy for toddlers.

Hours: Monday – Friday, flexible scheduling with a maximum of 40 hours per week. Salary: \$17,349. NOTE: This is a 12-month position funded with grant money. Ouachita Technical College reapplies for grant funding each year.

Hiring procedures include drug testing and a background check.

The position will remain open until filled. Applications will be reviewed starting January 17, 2005. Send resume and cover letter to: Personnel Office, Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, AR 72104. Questions may be directed to: Dr. Blake Robertson, 1735 East Sullenberger, Malvern, AR 72104 or by phone at (501)332-5002. OTC is an AA/EO Two-Year College.

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OTC and Guard Working Together

MALVERN - Colonel Don Johnson with the Arkansas National Guard, Employment Support of the Guard and Reserve, recently presented Dr. Barry Ballard, Ouachita Technical College President, with an award in appreciation for OTC's agreement to waive 25% of the tuition for guard members that enroll at Ouachita Technical College.

Photo Attached

Jan 4, 2005 MOR

Ouachita Technical College is seeking qualified applicants for **two full-time** positions for **Maintenance Repair Technicians** in the Maintenance Department for the 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. shift. The position is responsible for performing custodial work on buildings, grounds, and equipment, and for the performance of maintenance duties. High school diploma or GED required plus recent experience in building maintenance or repair. The minimum salary is \$13,355 and is based on experience.

Applications will be reviewed beginning January 31, 2005, and the positions will remain open until filled. Hiring procedures include drug testing and a background check. For more information, contact George Welch, Maintenance Supervisor, at (501)337-5000, ext. 1157. Please send resume to:

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Daily Record on Saturday, January 7.

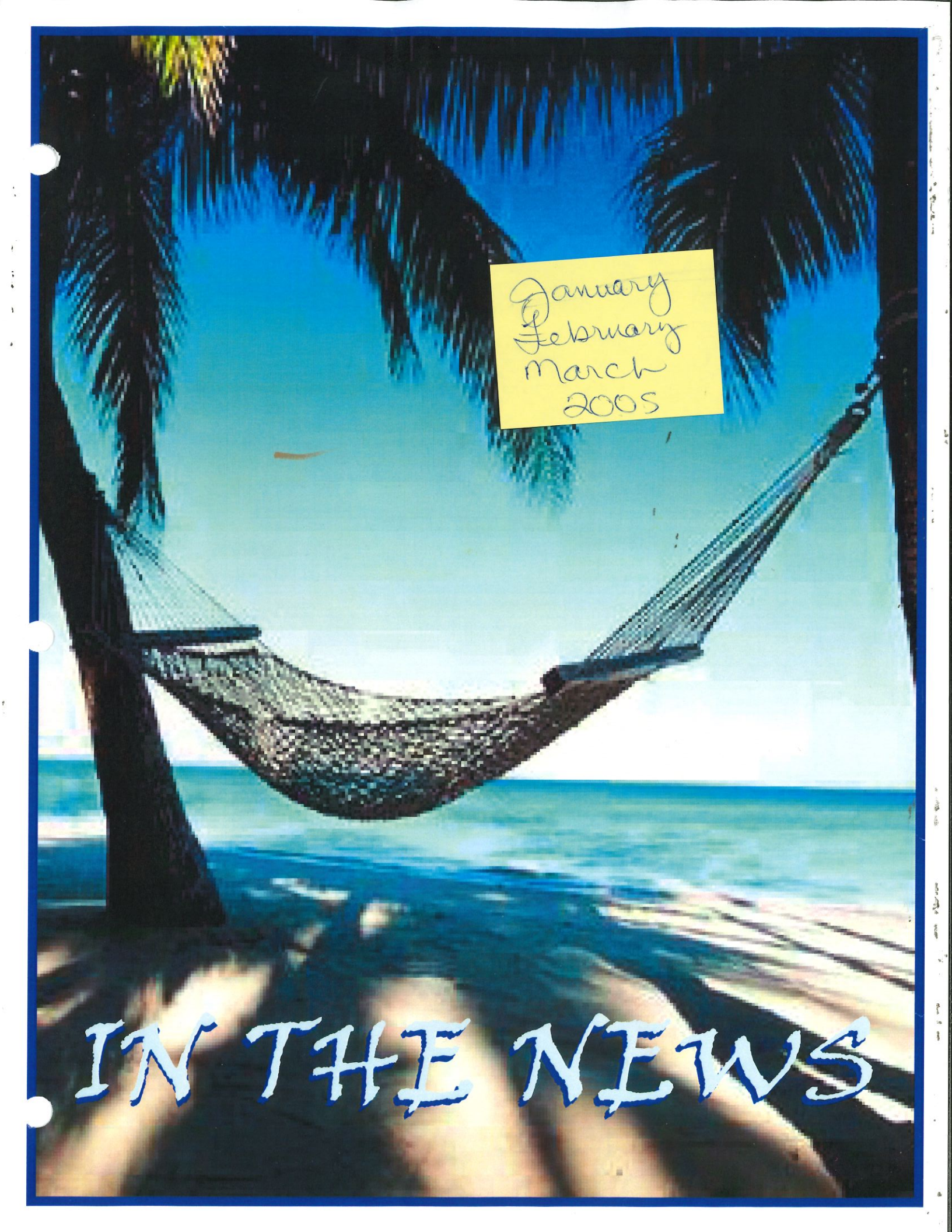
Ouachita Technical College is taking sealed bids on the following items:

Mori Seiki AI 20 Computer/Numeric Control Machine (CNC)

Computer Integrated Manufacturing Simulator

Bids will be received at Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, Arkansas 72104. Bids will be opened on January 18, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. at Ouachita Technical College. Those interested may contact Roger Coomer at (501)337-5000 ext. 1120 or (800)337-0266 ext. 1120 (in-state only) for further details.

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By **DEANN THOMAS**
Staff Writer

For the first time ever, a student from Ouachita Technical College will receive a bachelor's degree at the college in May.

As a two-year college, OTC traditionally offers associate degrees, technical certificates and proficiency certificates.

However, through the use of online courses, Dana Brownfield of Malvern is receiving her degree from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio, without ever having to leave Malvern. Some OTC students are progressing to other bachelor degrees as well.

Dr. Barry Ballard, OTC's president, said the college is excited about the advancements in technology that are allowing students to take classes online. In addition to maintaining agreements with other colleges and universities for online classes, OTC is accredited to offer any of their associate degree programs online, one of very few schools that are able to do so, according to Ballard.

"To us, this is an exciting thing," Ballard said. "Having online classes is a fast-growing area, and we're responding to that."

Currently, the college offers online courses and two online degrees, an Associate of Arts degree and an Associate of

Applied Science degree in criminal justice.

Everything for the courses can be done online, except for taking final exams, which must be done at a test site with proper identification. Ballard said the courses are convenient for students who need to maneuver around their work or family schedules.

"Students want the convenience of being able to study at times they choose," Ballard said. "At the same time, students in the Internet courses need to be very disciplined. It's more work, but it's do-able."

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OTC Receives Accreditation for Online Degrees

Malvern, Arkansas -- Ouachita Technical College's accreditation has been expanded to include distance delivery of online associate degrees. Students now have the opportunity to earn an Associate of Arts in General Education and/or the Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice via the Internet.

Ouachita Technical College began offering online courses during the spring 1998 semester. Since that time, Internet course enrollment has increased 1,117 percent. In the current school term, OTC has over 500 course enrollments.

"The growing demand for distance education courses and a recognized need for educational options that offer convenience and flexibility led to the development of these two degree programs," stated Ouachita Technical College's President, Dr. Barry Ballard. "Institutions that can provide desired program offerings and course scheduling flexibility while maintaining instructional standards and quality will experience continued growth."

Implementation of online degrees has led to expanded support services that benefit on-campus students as well. Internet access to library resources, bookstore functions, registration, and other services have provided increased opportunities for the utilization of college resources by all students.

"If it weren't for online courses, I would not be able to continue my education and work full time. I love being able to do everything from making my schedule, paying tuition, ordering books, to checking my grades without leaving home," stated OTC student Amanda Barnes of Fordyce, Arkansas.

The OTC Faculty Council, President Ballard, and the Board of Trustees initially approved these programs in the spring of 2004. After a three-step evaluation process and subsequent approval by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, authorization to offer online degree programs was granted by The Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees on December 14, 2004. Ouachita Technical College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. (This organization can be contacted at telephone: 312-263-0456 or via the Internet at www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org.)

Information on Ouachita Technical College's courses, programs, and services can be obtained at www.otcweb.edu or by calling 501-337-5000 or 800-337-0266.

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OTC Announces Honor Lists

Ouachita Technical College in Malvern recently announced the President's and Dean's List for the Fall 2004 semester. Students on the President's List have earned 12 or more credit hours in college level courses and achieved a 4.0 grade point average for the semester. Those named to the President's List include Arkadelphia residents: **Brittany C. Dudley and Lara M. Rittermann**; Benton residents: **Beverly Kay Arterburn, Cullen Bullard, April Elizabeth Goodknight, Robert A. Jackson, Jan C. McMahan, Michael Stewart Thompson, Taylor Anneice Woodard, and S. May Wyllia**; Bismarck residents: **Elizabeth A. McMahan, and Oralia Velazquez**; El Dorado resident: **Kevin Loyd Burns**; Glenwood resident: **Veronica Monique Lindsey**; Hot Springs resident: **Raymond L. Edwards**; and Malvern resident: **Natasha Eve Archer, Tsz-yan Chui, Teresa L. Cogovan, Adam Russell Crutchfield, Angela Ranae Ford, David Alan Fuller, Matthew Owen Laster, Tonya Gee Lee, Crystal Ann Looney, Brandy A. Loyd, and Crystal Fay Setcer**; Poyen residents: **Melissa Jean Fite, and Devon Danielle Hammond**; Sheridan residents: **Robin A. Hill, Debra K. Hughes, and James Rodney Hughes**; and Traskwood resident: **Kristina Mae White**.

Students named to the Dean's List have earned 12 or more credit hours in college level courses and achieved a 3.50 grade point

average for the semester. Those named to the Dean's List include Alexander resident: **Tisha J. English**; Amity resident: **Amber Lynn Burton**; Arkadelphia residents: **Kimberlee Nicole Clift, Erik Dewayne Edington, Sharon Nicole Hazel, Chenille Kenyatta Keith**; Benton residents: **Rose Marie Adams, Cassie Lashae Beck, Tyler Benjamin Drake, Paula Diane Fontinel, Brany Lynn Hartman, Mary Wambui Kanguru, Connie Annece Marshall, Teresa Lynn McDade, Chad David Reed, Bobby J. Smith**; Bismarck residents: **Sytana Ann Egleston, and Sarah Jo McMahan**; Carthage resident: **Nathesha C. Walker**; Delight resident: **Robin E. Nunley**; Donaldson resident: **Kimberley Nichole Hill**; Hot Springs residents: **Johnny G. Gregory and Brittany Anne Weak**; Malvern residents: **Amber Leigh Albright, Devan Marie Bashaw, Robert Wayne Brandon, Matthew Lee Burks, Debra L. Butler, Cynthia Rachelle Cain, Traci Lee Casseday, Sharon Renee Clardy, Wendy Kay Cook, Candice Michelle Estes, Gerald C. Gamerdinger, Tina D. Gentry, Emily Marlene Gibson, Lulisa D. Harris, Laurie Rena Hawthorne, Matthew G. Hayes, Martha Jane Hohrine, Jessica R. Jackson, Gregory Thomas Keisler, Camilla Ann McCoy, Barbara Allene Nutt, Franklin E. Patrick, Christopher Shawn Rhoads, Lezlee R. Rice, Norma Faye Riggan, Bobby L. Rosson, Deborah Ann Thornton, Jeremy Brandon Witham, Amanda Faith Wright**; Okolona resident: **Gregory Alan Davis**; Poyen resident: **Amy Lynne Fite**; and Sheridan residents: **Melissa Rene Alvarado, Lyndsey Michelle Rogers and William Joshua Thomason.**



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Microsoft Word (4wks)	Jan. 27	6:00-8:00	\$40
Sign Language	Feb. 3	6:00-8:00	\$60
Basic Drawing	Feb. 7	6:00-8:00	\$65
Computer Basics	Feb. 7	6:00-8:00	\$70
Internet Basics	Feb. 8	6:00-8:00	\$70
Self-Expressions	Feb. 8	6:00-8:00	\$96
Cake Decorating	Feb. 10	6:00-8:00	\$80
Intermediate Drawing	Feb. 17	6:00-8:00	\$65
Welding	Feb. 22	6:00-8:00	\$86
Microsoft Excel (4wks)	Feb. 24	6:00-8:00	\$40
Interior Design	March 1	6:00-8:00	\$75
Floral Arrangements	March 3	6:00-8:00	\$75
Microsoft Powerpoint (4wks)	March 31	6:00-8:00	\$40
Child Care Orient. (CCOT)	April 2	9:00-2:00	FREE
*Hypnotherapy	Open	Open	\$60

*Note: The beginning and ending time for the Hypnotherapy class can be set by each individual student and the instructor. The sessions are to be on a one-on-one basis. The \$60 tuition covers three sessions. Also, the student will decide what topic the sessions will cover.

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Glen Rose High School Basic Skills Training and GED Classes

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Hispanics often enduring barriers, hardships in HSC

By DR. BLAKE ROBERTSON
OAAEC

Imagine leaving your home, family and friends and moving to another country. You do this for a better life, not only for yourself but for your loved ones back home. Also, imagine in some cases that your mother gave birth to you while working in that other country (the United States), but allowed your grandmother to raise you in her home country. This still makes you a U.S. citizen. This is the story of many Hispanics living and working in Hot Spring County today.

If you talk to employers in local industries, they will tell you that the Hispanic workers "give a day's work for a day's pay." In other words, they possess the willing work ethic that seems to have been dwindling in America over the last couple of decades.

To help both the workers and the industries adjust, the Ouachita Area Adult Education Center, a program of Ouachita Technical College provides free English classes for these workers. One such program, located at Precision Industries, has been successful for four years. There are currently 11 Hispanic workers in the program. Three of these workers graduated from the ESL (English as a Second Language) level last spring, but have continued in the class to enhance their English skills and prepare for the GED test.

In speaking to the students about their English skills, one student, Rigoberto, stated that just recently he had a gas pipe leak under his house.

He was able to contact the gas company and get the problem fixed by using his English effectively. This case may have ended in disaster if he had not been able to communicate with the gas company.

The students also state that they feel more confident ordering at restaurants or going to the grocery store. The students attend one hour per week, either just before or just after their shift. Precision Industries rewards the students with pay for that hour. They also provide the space for the classes so the students can attend on their job site. The teacher, Brenda D. Keisler, has many years of ESL training. She states that she looks forward each week to working with these students because they are so eager to learn. If there is a particular concern, such as understanding directions for a work-related task, they feel free to bring that concern to class for discussion. As some of the students were being promoted to die cast recently, the supervisor brought in forms for the students to study in class so they would be able to fill them out correctly.

In addition to the Precision Industry classes, the Ouachita Area Adult Education Center operates ESL classes in Bismarck at the High School and at the Work Force Center in Malvern on Saturday afternoon.

Businesses or industries interested in providing free English classes for foreign workers may contact the Ouachita Area Adult Education program at 501-332-5002 for more information.



"The young women of today, free to study, to speak, to write, to choose their occupation, should remember that every inch of this freedom was bought for them at a great price. It is for them to show their gratitude by helping onward the reforms of their own times, by spreading the light of freedom and of truth still wider. The debt that each generation owes to the past it must pay to the future."

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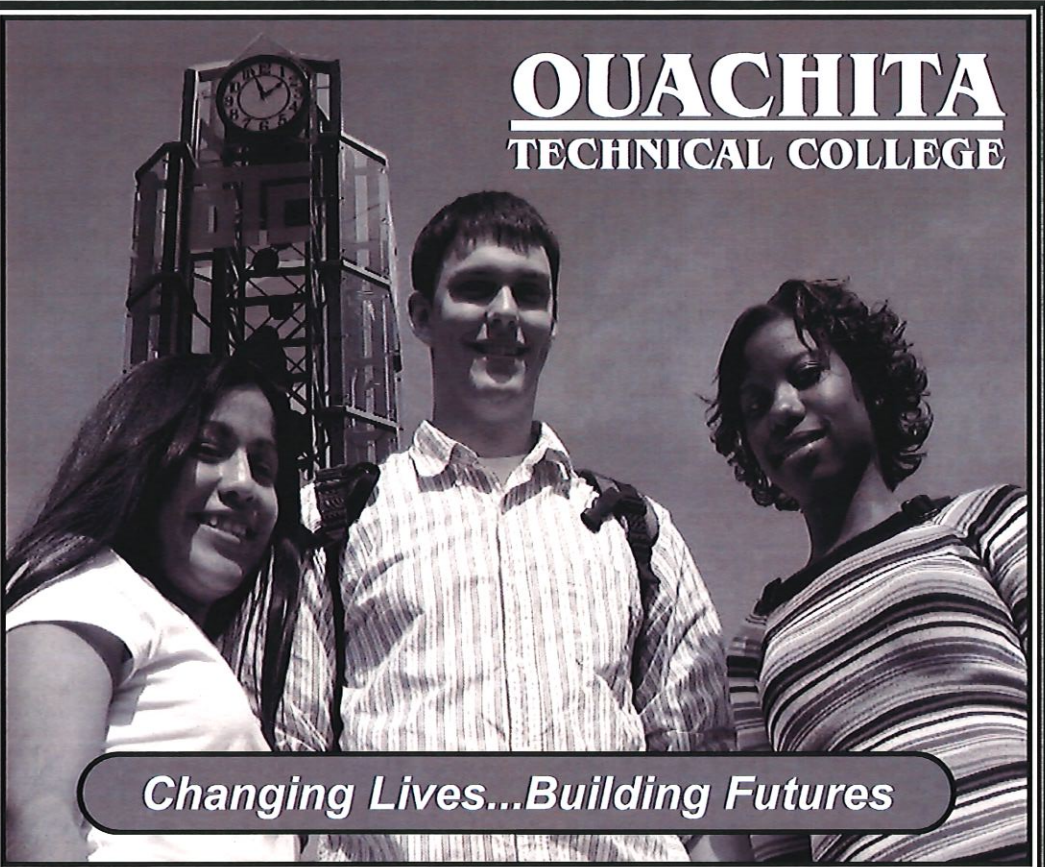


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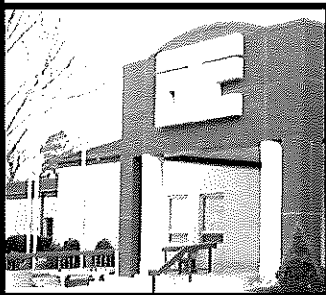
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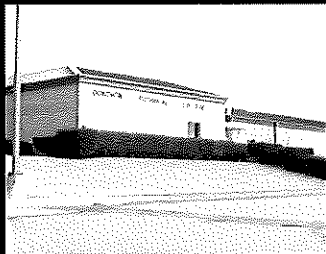
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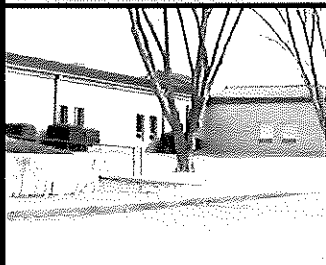
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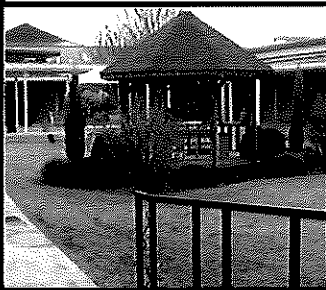


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By DEANN THOMAS
Staff Writer

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As a two-year college, OTC traditionally offers associate degrees, technical certificates and proficiency certificates.

However, through the use of online courses, Dana Brownfield of Malvern is receiving her degree from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio, without ever having to leave Malvern. Some OTC students are progressing to other bachelor degrees as well.

Dr. Barry Ballard, OTC's president, said the college is excited about the advancements in technology that are allowing students to take classes online. In addition to maintaining agreements with other colleges and universities for online classes, OTC is accredited to offer any of their associate degree programs online, one of very few schools that are able to do so, according to Ballard.

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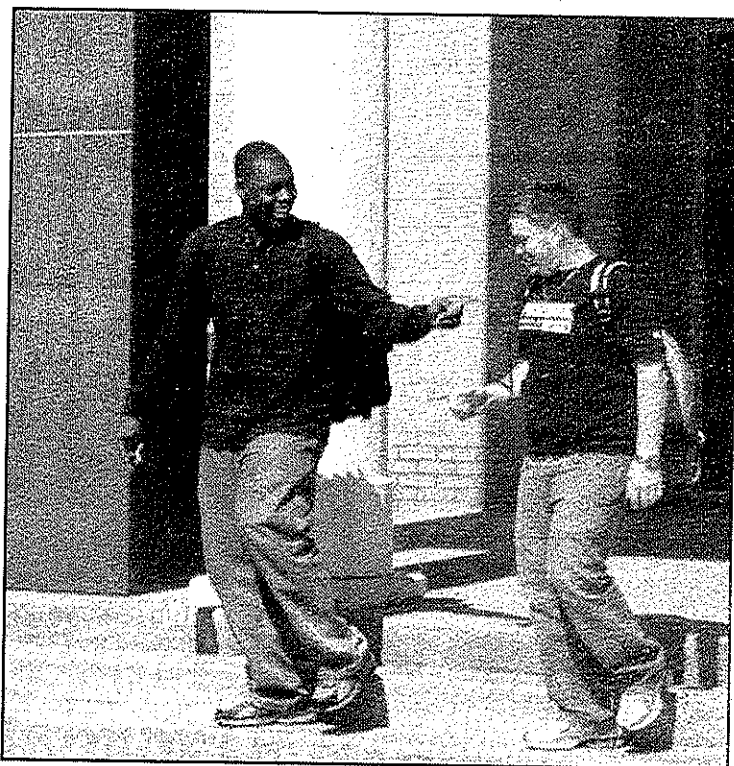
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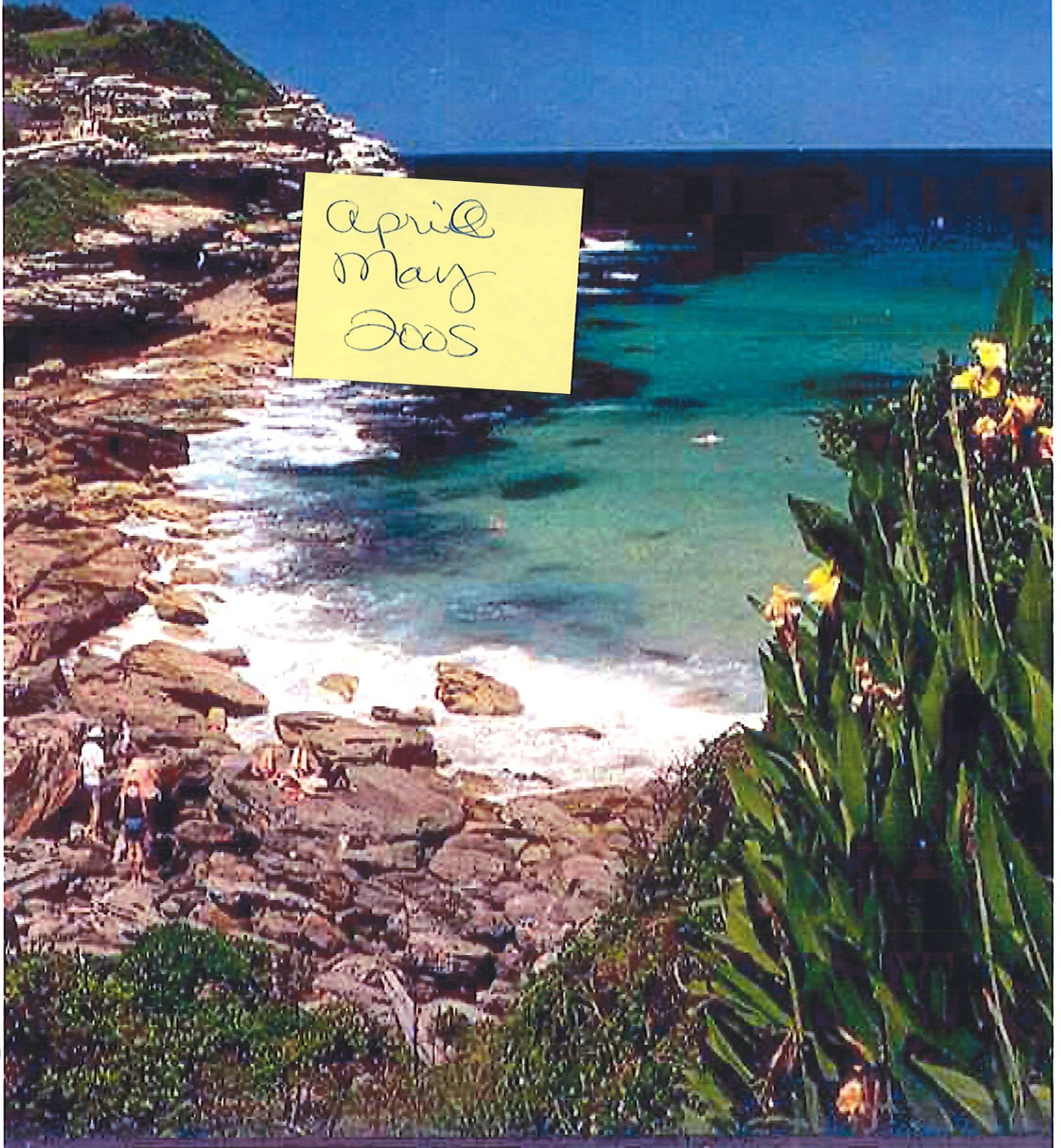
The library at Ouachita Technical College now has a display of pottery made by Mr. Jackie Gray, local artist and owner of Clear Creek Clay. Mr. Gray graduated from Henderson State University in 1971 with an Art Education Degree. After teaching high school art at Gentry, in Northwest Arkansas, he began his current job of teaching art at Malvern Junior High School and has been there for the past 20 years.

All of his pottery is a mid fire range stoneware - lead free, non-toxic, and food safe. Most of the pieces are hand thrown on a Brent Kick Wheel. The pottery goes through a cycle of two firings. The first firing is done after the piece is completely air-dried, which is a bisque fire-temp and is about 1900° Farenheit. Then the piece is covered with a mineral mixture, called a glaze, which is basically glass, and then fired to about 2250°, melting and fusing the glaze coating to the clay body. The pottery is not only beautiful, but is also utilitarian, functional and good for everyday use.

The display continue until May 9. The OTC Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am until 7:30 pm, and on Friday, 7:30 am until 4:30 pm.

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Magnet Cove Lions' Club and OTC partner to provide scholarship for Magnet Cove residents

The Magnet Cove Lions' Club continues to help Magnet Cove residents, who meet eligibility requirements, to further their education at Ouachita Technical College. On Monday, April 4, at its regular monthly meeting, President Kenneth Hammons presented Financial Aid Director Teresa Avery with \$2,000 to apply toward annual scholarships given by the Magnet Cove Lions' Club.

The Club's April meeting was held at Ouachita Technical College. Bob Washington, Vice President of Workforce Education, presented a program on the College's Workforce Education activities. Kimberly Tidwell and Debra Thornton, recipients of the Spring 2005 Magnet Cove Lions' Club Scholarship, shared their educational experiences and goals.

Applications for the scholarship are available in the Office of Student Affairs at Ouachita Technical College or by calling 337-5000 extension 1119. Magnet Cove residents are encouraged to apply.



Members of the Magnet Cove Lions' Club.

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(from left to right: Kara Pruitt, Lauren Simpson, Jessica Graves, Nikki Hardage, Sherree Hughes, Medical Professions Instructor)

Ouachita Area High School Career Center Students Bring Home the Gold

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Thirty three students from Ouachita Area High School Career Center competed in various events from welding to cosmetology. There were over 2100 students from all parts of the State competing in career and technical skills and leadership events. As part of the competition the students must successfully pass a knowledge test which includes questions about the SkillsUSA organization.

The students, such as Nikki Hardage, who won first place in CPR/First Aid, a skills area event, must also pass a written test for their particular skill, as well as perform the skill to perfection. Lauren Simpson, the student who won the Health Occupations Professional Portfolio, was recognized for her successful development of a professional portfolio and evaluated on her ability to present herself using effective communication skills. Kara Pruitt, who took first place in American Spirit, documented local chapter activities for community service, citizenship activities with patriotic overtones, and promotion of Career and Technical Education in a scrapbook and was interviewed on the approach taken for the activities. Jessica Graves, placing second in Basic Health Care Skills, was evaluated on her beginning level of basic health care knowledge and prepared a 5-7 minute presentation on a basic health care topic.

An additional achievement was accomplished by three of the attending Ouachita Area High School Career Center students. Amber Harshbarger, Lauren Simpson, and Kara Pruitt were three out of the fifteen, from over 2100 attendees, to receive the revised SkillsUSA Statesman Award.

SkillsUSA is a student organization for those enrolled in career and technical programs. Each year a State competition is held in Hot Springs. First place winners of the events receive a scholarship to any participating two-year college in the state of Arkansas. Nikki Hardage also received a four year tuition paid scholarship to the University of Arkansas-Ft. Smith.

The students will be competing in the National SkillsUSA competition the week of June 20 – 24 in Kansas City, MO. If you would like to make a contribution to help the students please contact Sherree Hughes, 501-337-5000, ext. 1206 or mail your donation, made payable to SkillsUSA, to Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, AR 72104.

HAPPY RETIREMENT!

Jeane Myers



Bob Washington

Ouachita Technical College appreciates your many years of service to the College and the community of Malvern. You will be greatly missed, but we truly hope that you enjoy this next step in your life.



"The irony of life is that every day we work endlessly with others in hopes that one day we can enjoy it, but it's those days of work and the friendship of others that truly make our lives enjoyable."

.....Anonymous

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Nursing application
Transcript
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For more information call: 501.337.5000, 800.337.0266 ext.1200

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APPLIED SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Cosmetology Theory III	MTWR	8:00	8:50
Cosmetology Lab III	MTWR	9:00	4:30

ARTS, SCIENCES & EDUCATION

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Introduction to Biology	Online		
General Zoology	M-F	12:30P	4:30P
Macroeconomics	M-F	12:30P	2:20P
Foundations of Education	Online		
Basic Grammar	M-F	12:30P	2:20P
Basic Composition	M-F	10:00	11:50
Composition I	M-F	8:00	9:50
Composition I	Online		
Composition II	M-F	10:00	11:50
Composition II	Online		
World Literature II	MW	6:00P	8:20P
Civilization thru 16th century	M-F	8:00	9:50
U.S. History thru 1865	Online		
Arkansas History	Online		
Humanities:Art	Online		
Humanities:Theater	Online		
Basic Math	M-F	8:00	9:50
Basic Math	M-F	12:30	2:20
Basic Math	TR	6:00P	8:20P
Basic Algebra	M-F	12:30P	2:20P
Basic Algebra	TR	6:00P	8:20P
Basic Algebra	M-F	10:00	11:50
Intermediate Algebra	M-F	8:00	9:50
Intermediate Algebra	TR	6:00P	8:20P
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College Algebra	M-F	10:00	11:50
College Algebra	MW	6:00P	8:20P
College Algebra	Online		
Introduction to Philosophy	Online		
Introduction to Physics	M-F	8:00	12:00
Life Fitness	TR	6:00P	8:20P
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General Psychology	M-F	10:00	11:50
General Psychology	Online		
Academic Reading	M-F	8:00	9:50
Introduction to Sociology	M-F	8:00	9:50

BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

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Principles of Accounting I	Online		
Business English	Online		
Legal Environment	Online		
Business Communications	Online		
Introduction to Computers	M-F	8:00	9:50
Introduction to Computers	Online		
Word Processing (Word)	Online		
Principles of Management	Online		
Beginning Keyboarding	M-F	10:00	11:50

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MDR May 8, 2005

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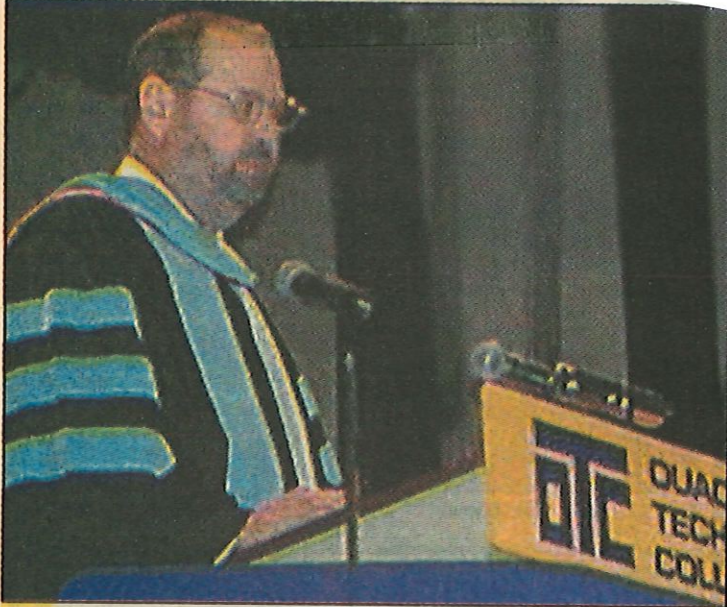
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May 19, 2005

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Salary for the full-time position is \$18,353, plus a complete benefits package. Applications will be reviewed beginning May 31, 2005, and the position will remain open until filled. Hiring procedures include a keyboarding test, a word processing project, drug testing, and a background check. Please send cover letter and resume to: Personnel Office, Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, AR 72104, (501)337-5000 (800)337-0266. Minority applicants are encouraged to apply. OTC is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Full-time faculty teaching positions are available at Ouachita Technical College in Malvern, AR, and qualified applicants are being sought.

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All of these positions require strong analytical, communication, interpersonal, and writing skills. Higher education teaching experience is preferred. Salaries are \$30,000 and up for these 9-month teaching positions depending on experience and credentials. A full benefit and retirement package is available. Persons filling these positions begin work on August 15, 2005.

Other positions available at Ouachita Technical College:

- **Even Start Child Development Center Infant Instructor (12-month)** – Associate degree in early childhood, BSE preferred; experience in early childhood teaching preferred. Position will design and implement lesson plans aligned with Arkansas Infant Toddler Frameworks for children

birth – 36 months. Salary is commensurate with experience and credentials.

The applicant review process for all above positions begins June 6, 2005, and the positions will remain open until filled. Hiring procedures include drug testing and background check. Send resume, transcripts, and letter of application to: **Personnel Office, Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, AR 72104.** For information, call 501-337-5000 or 800-337-0266, ext. 1121 or visit our website at www.otcweb.edu. Minorities are urged to apply as OTC is an AA/EO employer.

MAR ~~May 27, 2005~~



Summit Bank President Don Tackett (center) presented the first installment of an annual \$5,000 donation to Ouachita Technical College President Barry Ballard to benefit the OTC Foundation. Summit will make the payment annually for five years. OTC director of development Amber Lindsey. (Photo by LaJuan Mooney)

AR Democrat May 29, 2005

Ouachita Technical College is seeking qualified applicants for a ***Full-Time Faculty Secretary*** for the Practical Nursing Program. ***Qualifications:*** Basic typing and computer skills using MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint; good communication/public relations skills; dependable.

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June 24, 10:00 a.m.

Registration will be held from 10:00 - 10:15
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Three age divisions:7 and under
8 - 14
15 and up



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Stop by the OTC booth to draw for
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register to win the Grand Prize which
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a beach bag!

6-18-2005 MDR

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PRESS RELEASE

June 22, 2005

For immediate release:

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Dr. Barry Ballard, President of Ouachita Technical College said that the donation of the auto parts, estimated to be valued at more than \$40,000, was gratefully received and deeply appreciated. Ballard stated that the Automotive Technology program was very expensive to operate because of the tools, equipment, and technology required to maintain national standards. "Our Automotive Technology program is approved by NATEF and prepares technicians that can meet ASE Certification requirements with just a little bit of work experience. This donation will save money and help us to operate a quality but cost-effective program," Ballard said.

A black and white photograph of three students (two women and one man) smiling and posing in front of a tall clock tower. The tower has a large clock face near the top. The students are dressed in casual attire.

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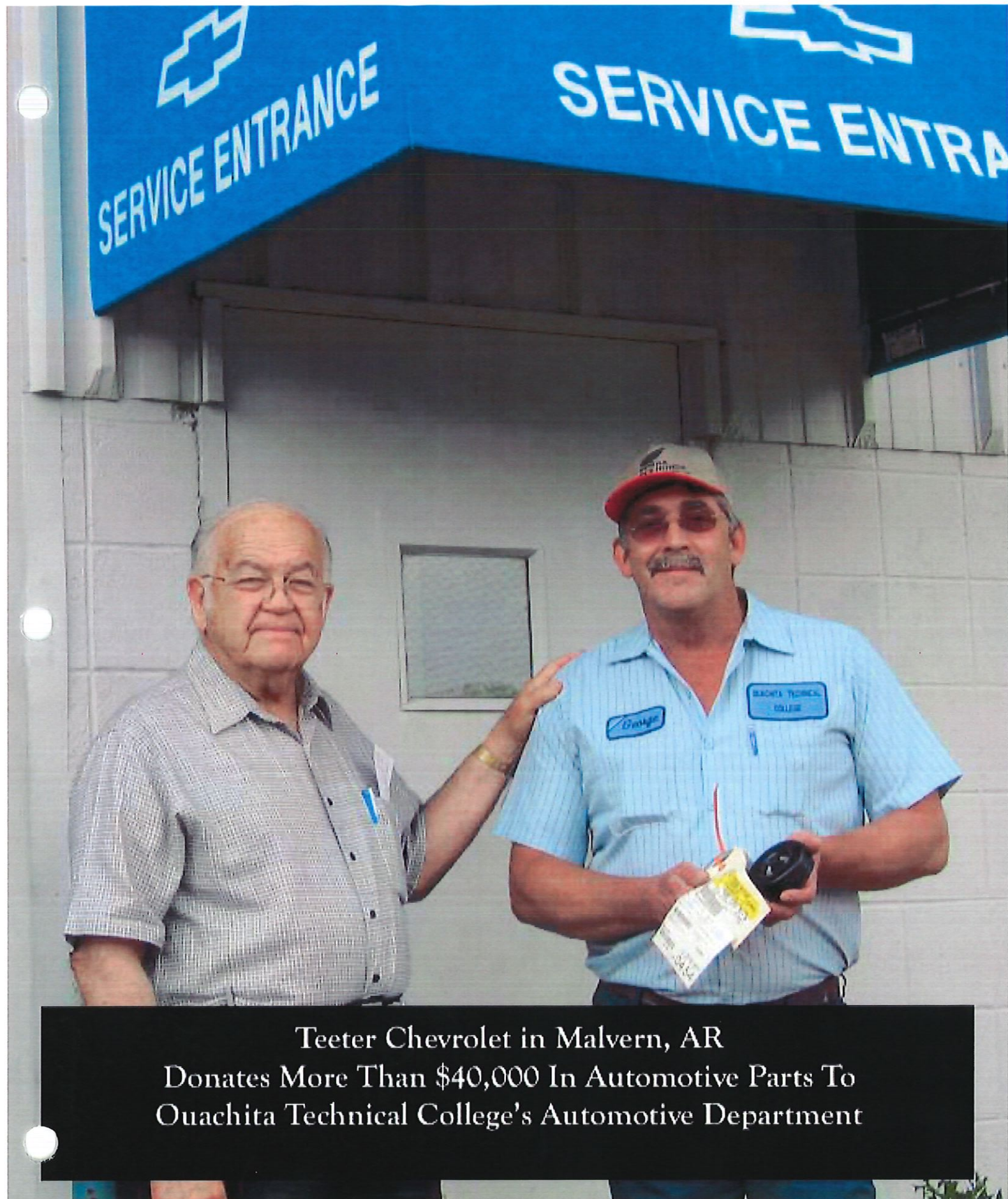
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(Chair, Umbrella)

Jennifer Rood
(3 Hour Class, Beach Bag w/goodies)

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**Teeter Chevrolet in Malvern, AR
Donates More Than \$40,000 In Automotive Parts To
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- **Career Pathways Administrator (\$40,000) – On-site manager who will provide a network of support services to TANF eligible students; will assist in curriculum design for specialized training initiatives. Qualifications: Masters degree preferred; BA required with a minimum of one-year experience in human services.**
- **Work Readiness Instructor (\$36,000) – Responsible for planning and creation of curriculum being used in specific workforce-readiness efforts and teaching of workplace participants. Arkansas teacher certificate required; Minimum of three years teaching experience required.**
- **Career Pathways Case Manager (\$28,538) – Serves as campus-based case manager and career counselor for all eligible students. Bachelors degeed preferred; Associate degree required with a minimum of one-year experience in human services preferred.**
- **Accounting Technician II (\$20,822) -- Responsible for maintenance of all bookkeeping documents and records pertaining to the grant. Associate degree preferred. Computer skills and accounting knowledge required.**

The Career Pathways Grant is to provide and facilitate education, training and supportive services for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) eligible recipients which leads to employment and self-sufficiency.

Strong counseling/social work skills are required for all positions except Accounting Technician, as well as good communication skills. Hiring procedures include drug testing and a background check. Please send resume and cover letter by July 11, 2005, to Personnel Office, Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, Arkansas, 72104. Minority applicants are encouraged to apply as OTC is an AA/EO Two-Year College.

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7-12-2005 MDR

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The salary for the twelve-month position is \$25,000 to \$39,000, depending on experience. Hiring procedures include drug testing and a background check. **Application deadline is August 4th, 2005.** Please send resume with cover letter to: Rhonda Smith, Personnel Office, Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, AR 72104. For more information, prospective applicants may contact Jerry Little, Applied Science Department Chair, at (800)337-0266 or (501)337-5000, extension 1165, or by e-mail at jrlittle@otcweb.edu. OTC is an AA/EO Two-Year College.

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7-20-2005 MDR

Online Physics and Criminal Justice Instructor

Ouachita Technical College in Malvern is seeking qualified applicants for part-time faculty to teach online classes in Introduction to Physics and Criminal Procedures and Evidence beginning August 22, 2005. Applicants should have a Master's degree with 18 graduate hours in the discipline and should be familiar with online teaching.

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4 1/2 years



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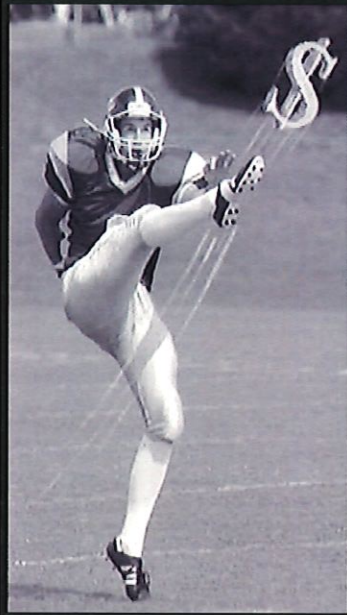
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Great Room (A300)

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Tri Lakes Edition August 14.

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Salary is \$16,718 plus an excellent state benefits package. Applications will be reviewed beginning **August 19, 2005**, and the position will remain open until filled. Hiring procedures include a keyboarding test, a word processing project, drug testing, and a background check. For more information, email rhonda@otcweb.edu or call ext. 1121. Please send a letter of application and a resume to: Personnel Office, Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, AR 72104, (501)337-5000 (800)337-0266.

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Intermediate Crochet	Aug. 30	6:00-8:00 pm	\$80
Microsoft Word (4wks)	Sept. 1	6:00-8:00 pm	\$40
Microsoft Excel (4wks)	Sept. 29	6:00-8:00 pm	\$40
Microsoft PowerPoint (4wks)	Oct. 27	6:00-8:00 pm	\$40
Cake Decorating	Sept. 15	6:00-8:00 pm	\$80
Computer Basics	Sept. 12	6:00-8:00 pm	\$70
Internet Basics	Sept. 13	6:00-8:00 pm	\$70
Conversational Spanish	Sept. 1	6:00-8:00 pm	\$80
Work Place Spanish	TBA	TBA	\$80
Welding	Sept. 20	6:00-8:00 pm	\$86
Sign Language	Sept. 13	6:00-8:00 pm	\$60
Basic Computer Skills (For Senior Adults)	TBA	TBA	TBA
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Malvern Daily Record on Tuesday, August 30.

Ouachita Technical College is seeking qualified applicants for an **Accounting Technician I**. Qualifications: Associate Degree preferred; 12 months experience in bookkeeping/accounting required. Salary range is \$17,220 to \$19,214 based on education and experience.

Applications will be reviewed beginning September 9, 2005, and the position will remain open until filled. Hiring procedures include drug testing and a background check. Please send cover letter and resume to: **Personnel Office, Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, AR 72104**. For more information, call (501)337-5000 or (800)337-0266, ext. 1121. OTC is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Malvern Daily Record on Tuesday, August 30.

Ouachita Technical College is seeking qualified applicants for a **Secretary/Typist** position responsible for performing standard clerical tasks in the Office of Student Affairs. Associate degree preferred; computer knowledge required.

Salary is \$15,000 – 16,000 based on experience. Hiring procedures include drug testing and background check. Application review will begin on September 9, 2005, and will continue until position is filled. Send cover letter and resume to **Personnel Office, Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, AR 72104**. For more information, call (501)337-5000, ext. 1121. OTC is an AA/EO two-year college.

Democrat Gazette August 30

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Application review will begin on September 2, 2005 and the position will remain open until filled. Hiring procedures include drug testing and a criminal background check. Please send cover letter and resume to Jerry Little, Applied Science Division Chair, Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, AR 72104. For more information, prospective applicants may contact Wendy Sullivan at (501)337-5000, extension 1160 or 1159, or by e-mail at wsullivan@otcweb.edu. OTC is an AA/EO two-year college.

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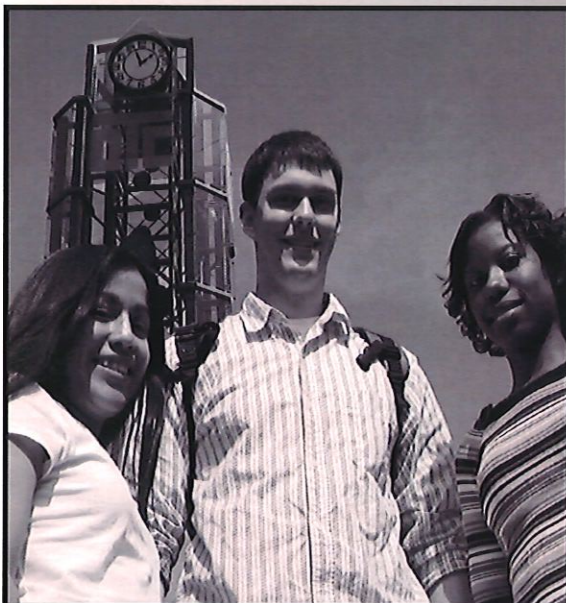


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September 27, 2005

Galveston Hurricane of 1900

You are invited to visit the Ouachita Technical College Library and view a collection of photographs, books, newspapers, journals, and other memorabilia on the Galveston Hurricane of 1900. The collection also includes a 1900 silent film by the Thomas Edison Company that may be viewed each day. This film is one of the earliest "newsreels," and according to some sources, only four movie cameras existed in the United States at the time of this great disaster. This collection is on loan from OTC faculty, Dr. Marvin Schultz.

Items will be on display during the month of October during regular library hours.

Library hours are M,T,W,Th 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 30, and Saturday, October 1.

Ouachita Technical College in Malvern, AR, is seeking qualified applicants for the following grant-funded positions:

- **Secretary II (\$18,353)** – Responsible for maintaining records for the Career Pathways program, and performing standard clerical tasks. Experience as a secretary in an educational setting, including computer proficiency with a working knowledge of Excel, Word, ACCESS, and queries, and excellent oral and written communication skills are preferred. An Associate degree in a business related field preferred.
- **Career Pathways Case Manager (\$28,538)** – Serves as campus-based case manager and career counselor for all eligible students. Strong counseling/social work skills are required. Bachelors degreed preferred; Associate degree required with a minimum of one-year experience in human services preferred.

The Career Pathways Grant is to provide and facilitate education, training and supportive services for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) eligible recipients which leads to employment and self-sufficiency.

Hiring procedures include drug testing and a background check. Please send resume and cover letter by **October 10, 2005**, to Personnel Office, Ouachita Technical College, One College Circle, Malvern, Arkansas, 72104. OTC is an AA/EO Two-Year College.



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Practical Nursing Program

OTC is accepting applications for the Spring 2006 and Fall 2006 Practical Nursing Program. The deadlines to apply are listed below.

CLASS	DEADLINE
Spring 2006 Class	November 7, 2005 (Classes begin January 17th)
Fall 2006 Class	March 6, 2006 (Classes begin August 21st)

Applicants must have the following information:

- ⇒ COMPASS Test results
- ⇒ Nursing Application
- ⇒ Transcript
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For more information contact: Sharon Turley
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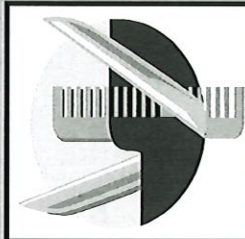
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MDR Wednesday - Friday, October 28.

Ouachita Technical College Fall Festival

Ouachita Technical College's Student Government Association cordially invites the community to celebrate fall with a Fall Festival on Friday, October 28, 2005 from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at the college. Activities include trick-or-treating, face-painting, fun games, exciting prizes, hay ride, and more.

Monday, October 31.

Haunted Hallow Hay Ride

A Haunted Hallow Hay Ride, presented by Ouachita Technical College Student Nurses' Association, on Monday, October 31, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., at the rear of the OTC campus near the pond. There will be hot dogs, chips and drinks for \$3.00 and the haunted hallow hay ride is \$2.00. Enjoy candy, fun and a whole lot more.



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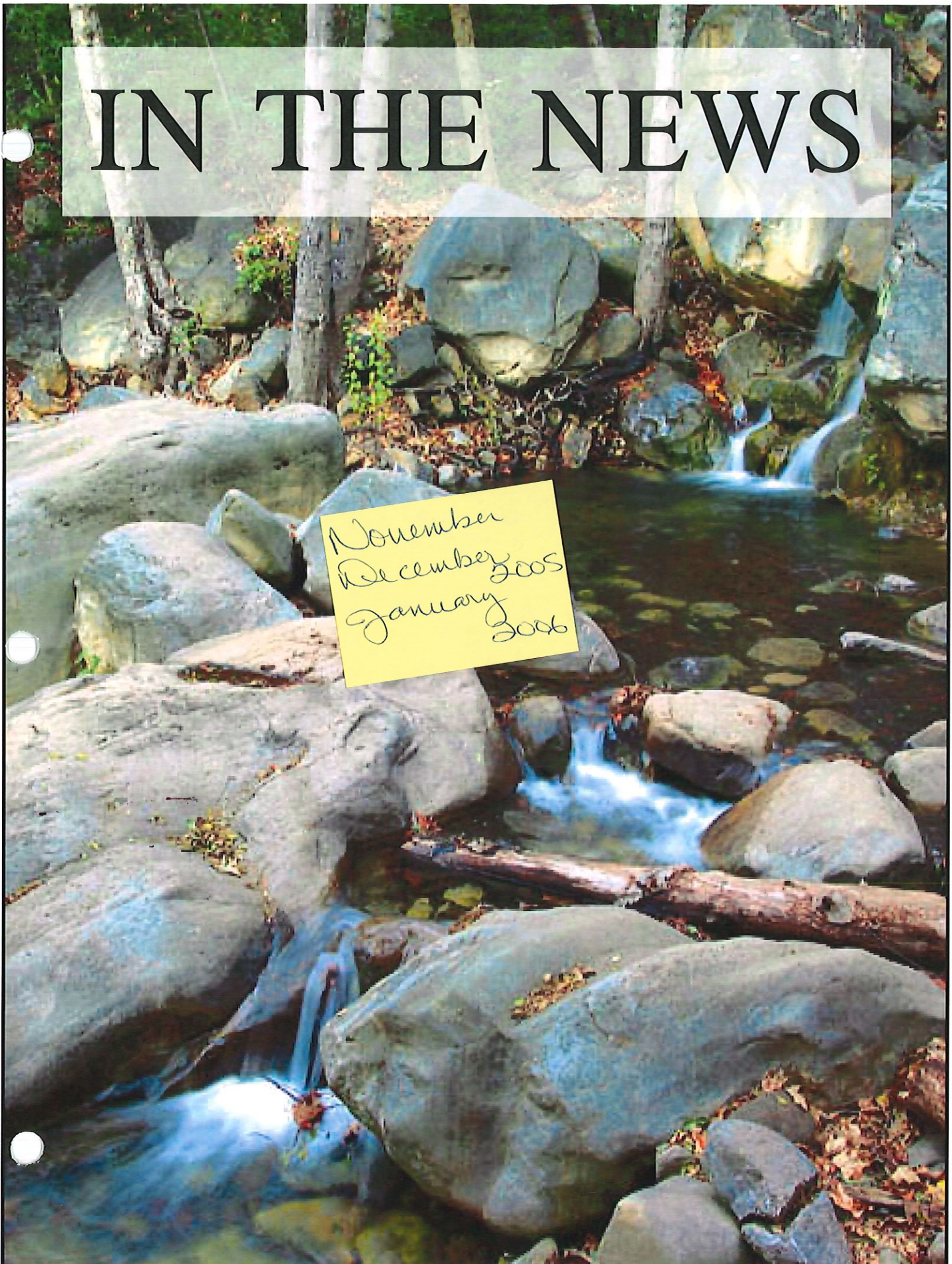


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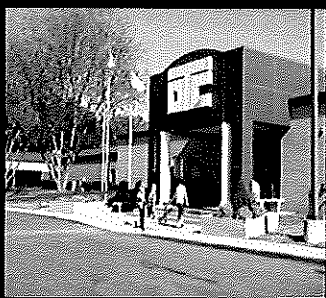
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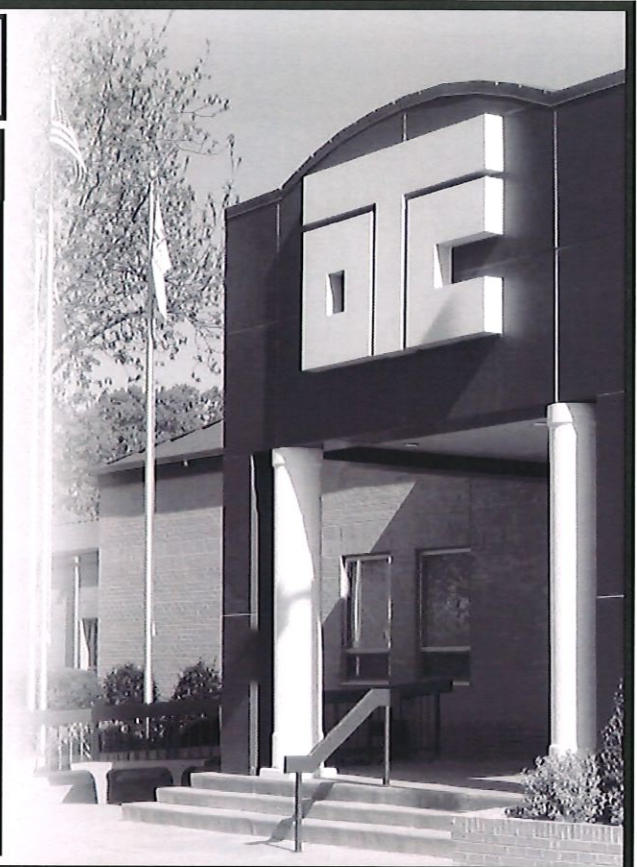
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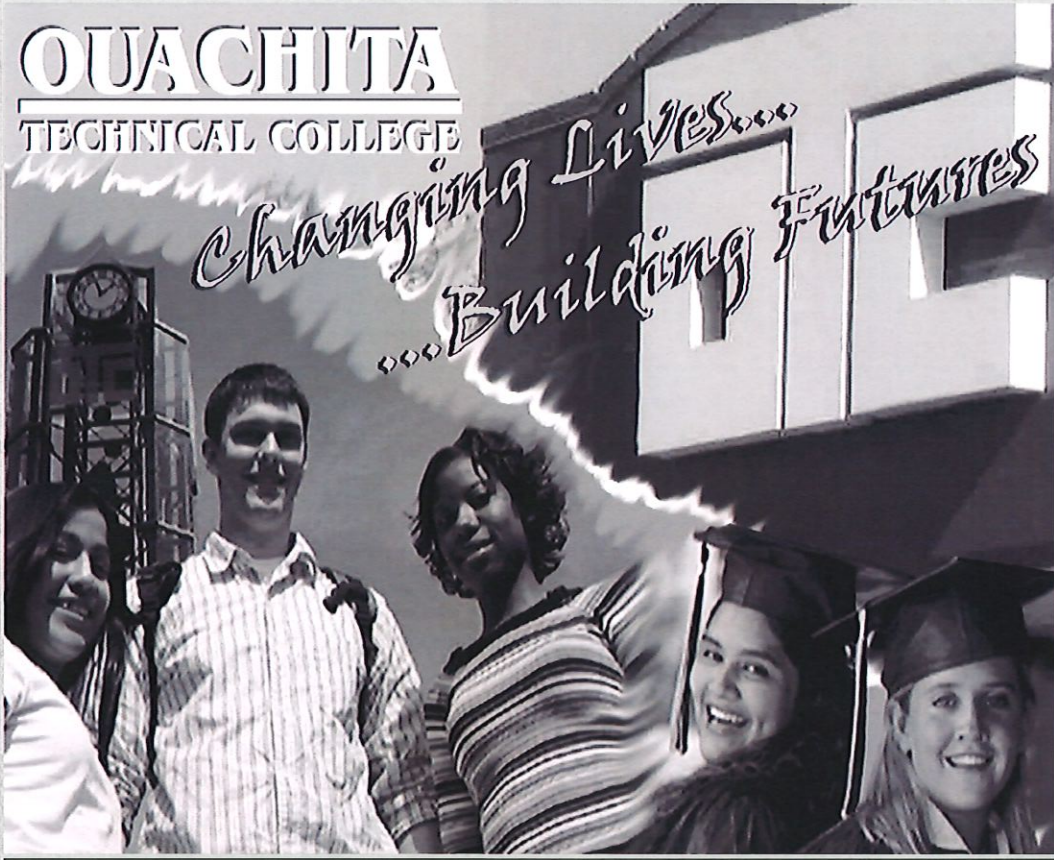
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Ouachita Technical College's mission statement describes the institution and clearly states its role and function as a community-based, two-year, public institution of higher education. To fulfill this mission, OTC offers educational opportunities for transfer, employment, customized business and industry training, preparatory remediation, adult education, secondary technical classes through the Career Center, and individual enrichment. Associate degrees and certificates are awarded to students completing approved college programs of study.

The mission is accomplished within a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. What makes Ouachita Technical College truly unique is the "Community of Caring" philosophy that is embedded into every aspect of a student's education.

Another unique characteristic of Ouachita is the phenomenal enrollment growth it has experienced since its transition to higher education. The forerunner of

the college, Ouachita Vocational Technical School, opened in January 1972 with 292 students.

Throughout its 20-year history, the vocational school maintained roughly the same student headcount. In 1991, the Arkansas Legislature mandated the conversion of the vocational technical school into a two-year, technical college. The college's first semester enrolled 210 students and by the Fall of 2005

Ouachita's enrollment numbered 1,590—a 657 percent increase. Enrollment increased 30 percent between Fall 2001 (968 headcount) and Fall 2002 (1,255 headcount).

Increasing Student Population

As indicated above, the college has experienced a vast enrollment growth in both full- and part-time students. The college's partnerships with area high schools to offer concurrent credit opportunities is one factor in this growth. In Fall 2000, 93 high school students were enrolled in college credit classes; last semester, 696 high school students were concurrently enrolled.

Another factor in this growth is the attractiveness of Ouachita Technical College's transfer program. In Fall 2000, students enrolled in the Associate of Arts program and those seeking a degree upon transfer totaled 280; in Fall 2005, this same headcount was 421 students.

Dedicated Personnel

College employees are dedicated to maintaining a student-centered focus in all college areas. This "Community of Caring" is the underlying philosophy that guides the college. Results of focus group sessions and student opinion surveys indicate that Ouachita Technical College does indeed display a caring atmosphere.

Convenient Location

A conveniently located campus is a major asset. The college is on approximately 40 acres of land inside the city limits of Malvern, Arkansas, one-half mile east of U.S. Highway 270 and two miles from Interstate Highway 30. Arkansas State Highway 9 and U.S. Highway 67 also pass through Malvern, making Ouachita Technical College readily accessible to residents of the five-county (Clark, Dallas, Grant, Hot Spring, Saline) service area.

Reasonable Tuition

Students receive the same high quality education provided at four-year institutions but at less cost. Savings are further enhanced because many students can live at home while attending college. The college's tuition is \$51 per credit hour and fees are \$13 per credit hour.



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For more information contact:

Curtis Craft or Johnnie Mitchell
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For more information contact:

Jan Robertson, WAGE Coordinator
Phone: (501)332-5002

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- ◆ Acquire the basic skills necessary to function in society and to increase job potential in the workplace.
- ◆ Continue your education and receive the Arkansas High School Diploma (GED).
- ◆ Receive training that will enable you to become a more employable, productive and responsible citizen.

For more information contact:

Dr. Blake Robertson
(501)337-5000 ext.1135

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Pathways shows way for student success

By JAMES LEIGH
Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College is reaching out to those who thought they could never attend college and helping them see that they have that chance.

OTC has a relatively new program, called Pathways, that is helping people find a way to attend college, even though they may not think they are college material. Pathways is a way for the college to get to a different population than they would otherwise.

The program targets people that are interested in college, but they are low-income or have some barrier that is keeping them out of college. For instance, if a person cannot afford to buy gas or drive to the campus, Pathways will help by giving the person a gas voucher or passes to ride SCAT busses.

"[This program] is for people that have good intentions, but they hit barriers," said Dr. Blake Robertson, vice president of adult and workforce education.

The program also has several college and career counselors that help students that need encouragement to stay in school or to go back to school.

The name of the program comes from the design which features several different paths that a student can take to reach a certain goal. Currently, the program has six career plans — Nursing, Medical Office Administration, Engineering and

Manufacturing, Business, Truck Driver and Child Care. Each career choice offered has two different maps.

The first map takes a student through the Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy program (WAGE). This program focuses on one of three certificates for the student — Clerical, Industrial or Employability.

These certificates focus on the basic skills needed for each program. "It teaches what [students] need to know [in the job field]," said Robertson.

The other map takes the student from a low level in the career field, and it eventually leads to a career that the student desires. For example, the Nursing Career Map takes a student through steps leading them to be a Certified Nursing Assistant, gaining their Advanced Certificate of Proficiency in IV Therapy and eventually obtaining their Practical Nursing Technical Certificate.

Another plus for this program is that it segments required college classes into three parts, allowing students to stay interested easier. Each of the three segments account for one college credit, and, when finished with all three segments, the student has received the same three credits a student completing a traditional class would.

"Recent statistics have shown that 11 percent of adults have no degree," Robertson continued. "We want to help people to go to college. We want to give people a method that would help fit their style."

The program also has groups that meet each day to help first year students adjust to college life. This group is called FYIG — First Year Interest Group. This group allows students that are experiencing problems to talk with others in their group to try to find a way to resolve them.

The groups usually get together and order pizza or have snacks while they discuss their problems. "We want them to have some fun time," Robertson said.



Barry Ballard

The program began because of money that was given to the Department of Higher Education by the Workforce Investment Board. The Department of Higher Education then went to the two-year colleges and told them to apply for the money. Since the colleges were told to apply for the money, five colleges have gotten the money

to start this program.

Robertson said that the program was put into motion by OTC president Dr. J. Barry Ballard. "It was his foresight to see people that needed the help," he said.



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Practical Nursing Program

OTC is accepting applications for the Fall 2006 and Spring 2007 Practical Nursing Program. The deadlines to apply are listed below.

CLASS	DEADLINE
Fall 2006 Class	March 6, 2006 (Classes begin in August 2006)
Spring 2007 Class	October 2, 2006 (Classes begin in January 2007)

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