

Ouachita Technical College continues growth

Since its transition from a vocational technical school to an institution of higher education in 1991, Ouachita Technical College's enrollment has increased 498 percent. Fall 1991 enrollment was 210 students as compared to the 1255 students enrolled in the Fall of 2002.

At a time of declining state revenues, coping with this enrollment growth has become a challenge. Minimal staffing, increased minimum class sizes, elimination of low enrollment classes and programs are some of the ways OTC is dealing with these issues.

OTC credits the enrollment growth to a variety of reasons of which include:

- Reduction in Arkansas Academic Scholarship — students who previously attended residential colleges and universities are staying in the community to attend college.

- Increase in concurrently enrolled high school students

- Increased focus on retention and recruitment.

The following programs are available through OTC:

- Adult Education Services
- Basic educational skills
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Workplace education
- GED

- Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy (WAGE)

- Even Start Family Literacy Center for Workforce Excellence

- Customized business and industry training (credit and non-credit)

- Continuing Education/Fun-Ed Classes

- Ouachita Career Center

- Vocational courses in partnership with area high schools which include:

- Automotive Technology

- Cosmetology

- Medical Professions Education (Med-Pro Ed; new in Fall 2003)

- Microcomputer Systems Technology

- Power Equipment Technology

- Welding

- Industrial Equipment Maintenance Technology (Arkadelphia; new in Fall 2003)

- Instructional Programs

- General Education for transfer

- Basic Skills Enhancement

- Business Information Technology

- Applied Science Technology

- Allied Health Sciences

- Concurrent Enrollment

- Online courses

- Saturday classes

- Day and Night Classes

Other news:

The new 10,000 sq. ft. Allied Health Building will be completed prior to the Fall 2003 semester. The

Practical Nursing program and the high school MedPro Ed program will utilize this facility.

The existing Allied Health facility will be renovated to accommodate the post-secondary Cosmetology program.

A technical certificate in Cosmetology will be offered beginning in the Fall 2003 semester under the Applied Science Department. Classes in this program will be held Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., for a total of thirty-two hours per week. To apply for the Cosmetology program, complete OTC admission procedures by submitting COMPASS test scores and the required documents as listed below by July 11, 2003.

Check out the new classes in the Summer/Fall schedules:

SUMMER

IV Therapy (found in Allied Health Sciences)

Elementary Spanish I (found in General Education and Basic Skills)

Elementary Spanish II (found in General Education and Basic Skills)

FALL

Cosmetology Lab I (found in Applied Science Technologies)

Cosmetology Theory I (found in Applied Science Technologies)



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- Management & Supervision
- Visual Arts & Spatial Technology
- Computer Information Systems/Network Management
- General Education/Transfer
- Early Childhood Education
- Criminal Justice
- Manufacturing Technology in *
 - Industrial Electronics
 - Industrial Equipment Maintenance

Technical Certificates

- Automated Office Technology
- Computer Applications Tech.
- Computer Repair
- Cosmetology
- Industrial Electronics
- Practical Nursing

Certificate of Proficiency

- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- CISCO Networking Academy I & II
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- Early Childhood Education
- Industrial Electronics
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OTC teams with MPD to help students

■ Before entering a career in criminal justice, students can gain practical experience.

By SHIRA KELLEY
Managing Editor

A joint program offered by Ouachita Technical College and the Malvern Police Department will help students gain practical experience before beginning a career in criminal justice.

Dr. Milton Purdy, chairman of OTC's criminal justice department, said the department has established an internship as a project option. "It's part of our criminal justice associate degree. The internship can be tailored to the student's particular needs — they can intern with judges, prosecutors or police departments. Students can do anywhere from one to six credit hours on the internship, although three hours would be

typical."

This semester is testing time for the program. The first student intern is within a few hours of completing her term at the Malvern Police Department, where she's concentrating on domestic violence.

Charlotte Brammer is 30 hours from graduating at Henderson State University. But HSU doesn't have a criminal justice major, and she wanted more background in that field to complement criminal psychology, she said. So she's enrolled at OTC as a part-time student to earn her associate degree in criminal justice.

Three of her nine credit hours this semester at OTC are the internship. Purdy told her about the program, which "accommodated me, because there weren't enough students for one of the classes I needed," Brammer said.

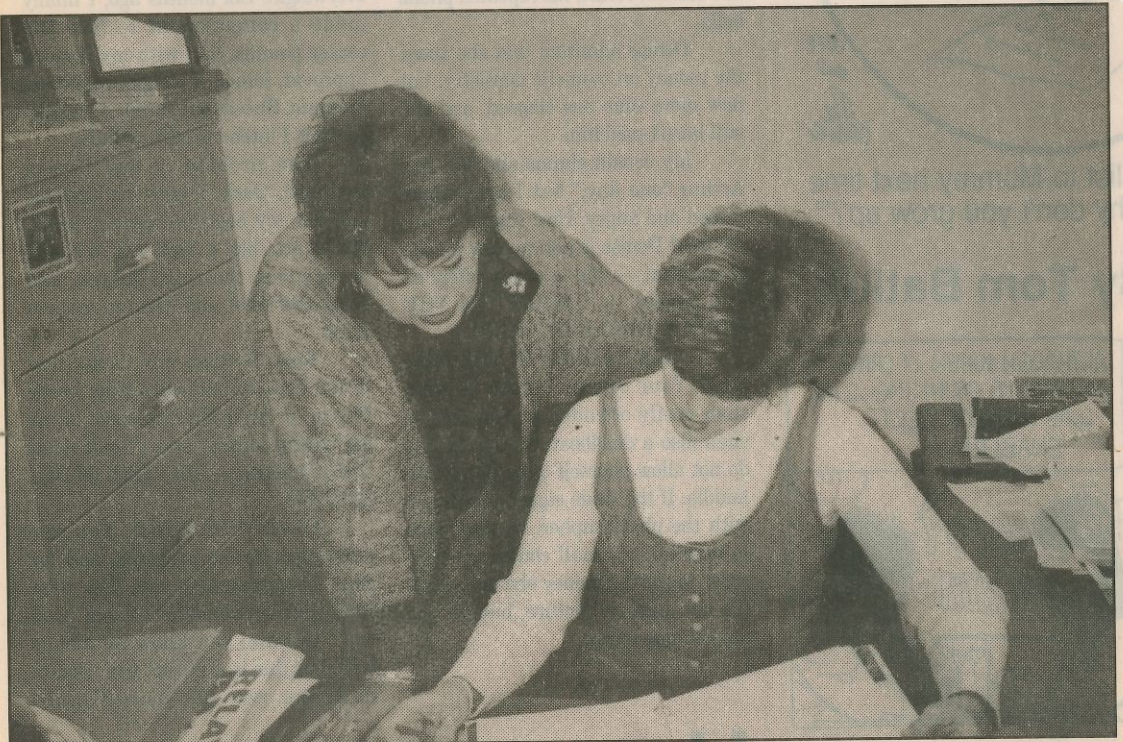
Lt. Bill Ross is the MPD's

special investigator for crimes against women. With her domestic violence focus, Brammer has observed while Ross interviews victims and has reviewed several cases. She also rides along when officers respond to calls.

The internship requires that she spend 45 hours involved with the police department during the semester. With weekly sessions at the department, she's close to that now, although the program isn't scheduled to end until May.

Brammer said she has developed questions to pose to officers, asking them the importance of investigating domestic violence, trying to gain a thorough understanding of law enforcement's role in the problem and other areas. She has also contacted agencies both in and outside Arkansas to learn their procedures on domestic violence.

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Relay for Life organizers Connie Cheatham and Amber Lindsey have spent months preparing for the event, which occurs tonight at Claude Mann Stadium.

**O.T.C. presents
"Arkansas Stories"**

Ouachita Technical Collage presents "Arkansas Stories" as told by Charley Sandage and as performed by Harmony, on Monday evening, April 7, at 7 p.m. in room A309. The program is presented in association with the Center for American History and

Culture in Education and is supported by the Arkansas Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage, and the National Endowment for the Arts. For additional information, contact Dr. Marvin Schultz at 337-5000, extension 1147.

Blood drive set

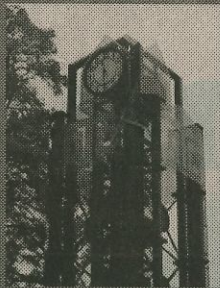
The American Red Cross is asking all blood donors to remember a blood drive is underway and stops will be made at Ouachita Technical College Thursday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and at the Malvern Community Center from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m.

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ASSISTANT PROJECT COORDINATOR

Ouachita Technical College in Malvern is seeking qualified applicants for a full-time **Assistant Project Coordinator** in the Center for Workforce Excellence.

Preferred Qualifications: Bachelor degree or equivalent experience in business/industry development activities; experience in teaching and/or training related to business/industry desirable; excellent oral and written communication skills.


Duties: perform administrative duties; prepare and maintain reports and files; assist with project applications, planning and implementation of seminars for specialized training needs of business/industry and community development.

Salary is \$17,349 with an excellent state benefits package. **Application deadline is May 13, 2003.** Hiring procedures include drug testing and a background check. Please send a cover letter and resume to:

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WATERMELON

Saturday, June 28
Three age divisions: 7 and under, 8 - 14, 15 and up
Registration will be held from 12:30 - 12:45 p.m.
in front of the Brickfest stage.
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Registration for OTC summer II now underway

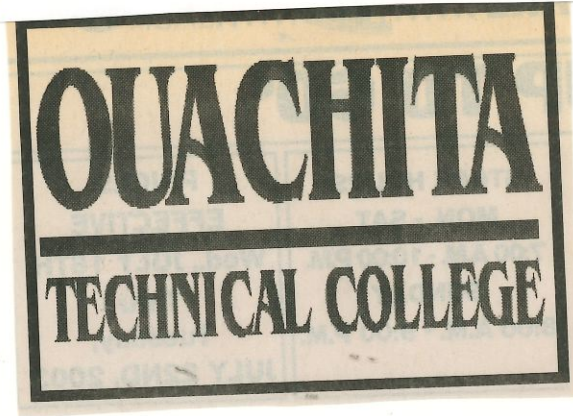
Register now for Summer II at Ouachita Technical College Registration for the Summer II (5 week) Semester at Ouachita Technical College in Malvern continues through June 25. Classes begin June 30. For more information regarding financial aid opportunities, to get a schedule of classes, or to speak with an advisor or counselor, please call (501)337-5000 or (800)337-0266.

BIG NEWS!

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Ouachita Technical College announces honors list for spring semester

Ouachita Technical College recently announced the President's and Dean's List for the Spring 2003 semester. Students on the President's List have earned 12 or more credit hours in college level courses and achieved a 4.0 GPA for the semester. Those named to the President's List include Clark County residents: William J. Florence, Melody S. Schull and Scottie Stricklin; Dallas County residents: Jeffery Blackeney and Loyce D. Ray; Garland County residents: Carla Ellis; Grant County residents: Christie Roark, and Cheyenne Spann; Hot Spring County residents: Mona Breeding, Linetta Clift, Tina

Gentry, Cori Hiatt, David Karrer, Allen Leible, Lynda Lisenby, Ronnia Matthews, Kandi Malone, Franklin Patrick, Dyan Reeves, William Stevens and Leona Thomason.

Students named to the Dean's List have earned 12 or more credit hours in college level courses and achieved a 3.50 GPA for the semester. Those named to the Dean's List include Clark County residents: Michael Currey, Gary Johnston, Megan Knox, Brandy Meghee, Felicia Randle and Shelia Williams; Garland County residents: Joy Ashley, Mackinzy Chaney, Heather Haight and Alex McClintock; Grant County residents:

Kathryn Bass, Joseph Derrick, Heather Harvey, Kelly Holliman, William Hope and Wesley Puckett; Hot Spring County residents: Vicki Austin, Peggy Boles Brad Crutchfield, Vanessa Draper Amanda Edwards, Melody Fuller, Shelly Glover, Laura Holland, Scott Hughes Betty Hurst, Regina Isaacks, Scot Jenson, Cynthia Johnson, Angela Jones Amanda Kratz, John Lee, Angela Martinez, Sarah McBride, Boyd McPherson, Brandi Nichols, Shan Northcutt, Andrew Pennington, Carl Priebe, Leola Stewart, Paula Trumbo and Reta Witham.



Rhonda Stroud, Sarah Eppler and Cathy Larson (standing) of Ouachita Technical College's Even Start Family Literacy program are certified with the nationally-acclaimed Parents as Teachers program. (Photo by Shira Kelley)

Trio brings outstanding program to Malvern

By SHIRA KELLEY
Managing Editor

Infants, toddlers and their parents can soon participate in one of the most successful early childhood programs nationwide.

Sarah Eppler, Cathy Larson and Rhonda Stroud recently completed a week of intense training at the National Parents as Teachers training center in St. Louis, Mo. The three represented Ouachita Technical College's Even Start Family Literacy program and were recently notified that they are nationally certified as Parent Educators with the Parents as Teachers system.

The voluntary program is free to any expectant parent or parents of children newborn to age 3. It provides parents with information and support to give a child the best possible foundation in life, according to Eppler. PAT is "based on the philosophy that parents are their children's first and most influential teachers."

The programs include personal visits by a professionally trained child development specialist, free developmental screenings, group meetings on a wide variety of child-rearing topics and assistance in finding other resources beyond PAT's scope. The program seeks to help parents find new ways to stimulate children's language

and intellectual growth, curiosity and social skills.

PAT has received numerous national awards for its effective approach.

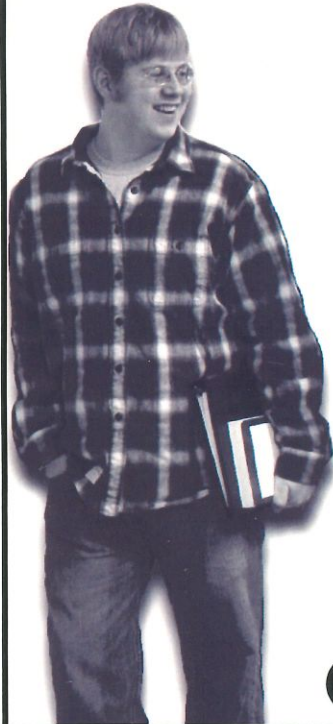
The program's success has let it expand from its 1981 origin in Missouri to over 2,200 programs in 49 states, Washington D.C., Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Great Britain, Japan, the West Indies, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

All PAT activities are free to families who participate in the Even Start Family Literacy program.

For more information about either program, call Eppler at 501-332-5002 or come by 1519 East Page Ave. in Malvern.

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FALL 2003 SEMESTER AT OUACHITA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

The Fall 2003 Semester at Ouachita Technical College in Malvern is August 18 through December 11. **Register for Fall classes now - August 12.** The campus will be closed August 14, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, and the Connection Reception for new students will be held August 14, at 6:00 PM. in Room A300 (the Great Room).

Late Registration will be held August 15 (\$10 late fee). Registration will not be held August 13 - 14. Need more information, call (501)337-5000.

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OTC Even Start Family Literacy Grant continues

Zelma Jones, Director of Even Start Family Literacy, has received notification from Susan Underwood, State Even Start Director, of the continuation of the Even Start Family grant for 2003-2004. The continuation of the grant is based on the success of the program for the previous year. The Even Start Family Literacy program identifies itself with children who are birth-7 years old and their parents. The program builds on the strengths of families and is grounded in the foundation of children and parents learning together. The goal of this effort is to improve the 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 predictors of a child's academic success.

The four components of Even Start Family Literacy are: Adult Education, Early Childhood Education, Parent and Child Together (PACT) and Parent Time (parenting classes). These components are available through the local Even Start office located at 1519 East Page and Shorewood Hills Methodist Church in the Magnet Cove area. For further information, contact the Even Start office at 332-5002.

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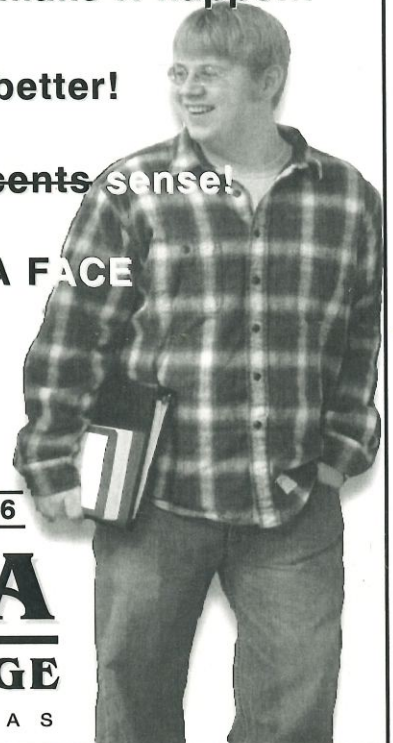
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