## 100 years of experience



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Ouachita Technical College Director Earl Clevenger assembled "this crew of original people" who have been with the school since the beginning/in 1972. The five men's experience at OTC alone totals a minimum of 100 years of experience. Pictured, left to right, are Machine Shop Instructor Gary Garrison, Business Manager Bob Jones, Business Instructor J. Louis Moles, Supervisor of Instruction Hugh W. Looney and Diesel Mechanic Instructor Dean Carter. The school is celebrating its 20th anniversary with activities throughout the week.

# College board reviews applications for post

By MARK BIVENS Staff Writer

Dewey Stiles, the Ouachita Technical College board of trustees chairman of the committee to hire a president, said when the committee totaled the applications for the position, the numbers were about what they'd expected. Stiles said 103 or 104 applications were sorted out in executive session Tuesday night and about the same number of recommendations were accepted.

The committee published two advertisements for the position in the Chronicle, a national magazine distributed to colleges and universities. The deadline for those applications was Saturday.

put them in files," Stiles said. "It took several hours. We haven't even got started yet. We have another meeting next week. We'll start looking them over and see how many come up to minumum qualifications."

The minimum qualification required is either a doctorate or five years in at least a community college

in the top level of administration.

Stiles said even recommendations will be considered for the opening. The numbers were pleasing to the committee, Stiles said.

"We have considerable numbers and we expected to get quite a few by (advertising) nationwide," Stiles said. "That's the way we wanted it."

The committee hopes to narrow the applications down to five candidates, send those to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education for approval, and have those intact for the OTC board to make a final selection.

The committee hopes to have a president hired this summer.

Also, 20th anniversary activities "We've had to sort them out and continue throughout the week at OTC. A reception honoring past graduates of OTC will be held Thursday, April 16, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday an all-you-can eat barbecue will be held. The cost is \$5 per person. Entertainment will be provided by the Cummins Prison Band. Children under six will be admitted at no charge.

MONDAY

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COMING TUESDAY: Coverage of the Malvern City Council committee meetings.

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# Stiles steps down as county Democra

MARK BIVENS Mriter

he about circumstances that have in handicaps. He overcame those indicaps with two things - determimion and midnight oil. It took a hearw portion of both. Dewey Stiles is a ad to be.

Stiles didn't graduate high school. reamed the equivalent of a high hool diploma through a corresponace course. He attended the Unimity of Chicago briefly. He earned 1 way through life. Nothing came ry. Without a diploma, Stiles said ac days things are different. But in the key ingredient to overcomobstacles was determination.

idles has been the extreme examof an over-achiever. He's been a priority with the Stiles. il Service worker, a state reprewive, a Steel Workers Union repnative and chairman of the Hot or 20 years. Achieving his status been a bumpy road at times.

ersonally, Stiles has been faced unspeakable hardship. In 1962.

his son Ricky, a 17-year-old senior Malvern in 1939. He married Marat Malvern High School, died sud-Dewey Stiles laughs a lot. He denly, Encephalitis from a mosquito bite, Stile's wife, Marcille said.

"It was in October," Marcille recalled. "Ricky had been out hunting. We guess that's where he got the mosquito bite. He went to sleep about men guy. He doesn't admit it. But be 10 or 10:30 and woke us up about 1 (a.m.) ."

Ricky was rushed to the hospital, where he died. Marcille said there was a two-year period following Ricky's death that was difficult on the family. In 1964, the Stiles built a house. They reside at the Brownwood Street residence today. The couple's Arkansas. surviving children, Gary, 45, and Kay, ax then," as he termed his younger 44, remain close. They share wall space in the living room where their senior pictures are lined up with Ricky's. Family always has been a lege, I feel like I know as good or

"I've always tried to put my family and church first," Dewey Stiles said. "I have stayed real busy for 40 or 18 County Democratic Commit- 50 years and I really have no regrets."

Stiles said if hindsight were 20-20, he can see nothing he'd change concerning decisions he'd made. Born in Dallas County, Stiles came to Please see STILES, page 10

cille in 1944. He had worked at Hunter Point in San Francisco in the Civil Service, because he'd been turned down for the military due to asthma.

Following World War II, Stiles returned home to work at Reynolds, where he was employed from 1946 until 1956. He'd been elected state representative in 1952 and served until 1959. At that time be went to work for the Union until his retirement in 1983. The job of Union representative for the Steelworkers was a major responsibility. Stiles said at that time over 10.000 steel workers were in

Stiles said reaching the lofty goals he set for himself didn't require any magic.

"I think by not having a lot of colbetter than anybody in the state (on the value of) education," Stiles said. "It was different then. A lot of hard work and midnight oil and you could get by. Today you can't do it. You've almost always got to have a good education to compete. I competed very well



Daily Record Photo-Bivens

Stiles reminisces about his 20 years as Democratic chairman.

#### Stiles

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because I prepared myself. I don't say that braggingly. It was determination. It (competing without a college education) would be a dilemma today."

Stiles said America is in a precarious stage presently. It's obvious, Stiles agreed, the country shot itself in the foot.

"I don't think the government is in good shape," Stiles said. "It worries me. It's somewhat out of hand, If something doesn't change, we'll wind up as a third country. I'll give you an example. Years ago we went over to Japan and gave them technology. Now we've got overpasses in Arkansas from Japan. They're putting the American steel companies out of business."

Stiles said the importing of foreign automobiles is leading to an epidem-

"Our government hasn't said 'hold up' and the Japanese are eating us alive," Stiles admitted. "There's more to come. They're putting thousands of people out of work."

American people are not optimistic

"I remember the depression," Stiles said comparing attitudes of yesteryear versus 1992, "I don't believe the attitude was as bad then on the outlook. Some people have already given up good standards of living. It's hard for them to understand why we've allowed other countries to come in and do pretty well what they want to. We need to take care of our country and our people first to survive."

Stiles believes there is no quick cure to the country's economic woes. It's enough to make somebody quit watching the daily developments through the media. Stiles laughed and said the idea had occurred to him, but he would never separate himself from the politics.

"I'm the type of person that I have spent no telling how many hours on . political action," Stiles said. "If you give up on that, you've had it. Now 30 to 35 percent of the people are voting in political races. That's pathetic. I never intend to quit as far as the politician process. I get discouraged, but I don't plan on quitting."

Stiles is a fixture in politics and is an observer. Things have changed over the years in the political scene. Stiles

Bell telephone. On March 14 the six allegedly vandalized two county road graders parked at Boyette's Garage on County Road 36. Eight windows were reportedly broken, and the fire extinguishers taken. The same night they allegedly hurled a rock through the window of the old Central grocery store on U.S. Highway 67, Cook said.

A few miles away from the store, the six allegedly threw rocks through the window of a station wagon belonging to W.L. Price.

The same night the six allegedly vandatized a pickup truck belonging to spray-painted "Tyson" across the tailgate. Meny is in jail on kidnapping and rape charges in connection with Tyson Efird. Meny's truck was parked at his vacant house.

in hard times as they once were, Stiles said Democrats are becoming more conservative. Republicans are becoming more liberal. Whether that's good or bad, Stiles says it's hard to label.

"I'm a Democrat and I think there ought to be a two party system," Stiles said. "I think I'm somewhere between a conservative and liberal. I try not to be an extremist either way. I'm an independent thinker. I've always been that way."

Stiles said he tries to avoid local political races where campaigning is concerned. Stiles admits an adrenaline flow comes over him during political campaigns. It's a feeling he enjoys. In June, Stiles is giving up his position as Hot Spring County Democratic Central Committee chairman, a position he has held for 20 years. But be has other fish to fry. In the two decades he's headed the committee, he says be? What's the secret to contenument? the organization has "come a long

"When we started out, we had \$180 in the bank," Stiles said. "Today we have \$15,000. I think we've made a lot of progress and good changes in Hot Spring County. We've had very few complaints and have made very few mistakes. I have to give credit to the committee, the judges and clerks for that."

Trust, Stiles said, is something hard to obtain, hard to keep, and worth every minute of the task required in gaining it.

"Anything you do, you have to be sincere," Stiles said. "I never did run from the press. Regardless. I keep everything on my desk. I never have anything to hide.

Stiles never hinted he was ready to sit back in the easy chair. He is juggling his time between the Ouachita Technical College Board, the Arkansas Democratic Committee, the Second Baptist Church and trying to coordinate Bill Clinton's campaign in the county as the governor vies for president of the United States. If he has any time unscheduled, he plays golf and relaxes doing yard work.

Is Dewey Stiles where he wants to The answers came immediately.

"We enjoy our home and the small town atmosphere in Malvern, even though we've traveled all over," Stiles said. "We plan on traveling a little more. We enjoy that. It's knowing what's important. I'm glad to be a part

Dewey Stiles, an achiever. A tough

#### **Arrests**

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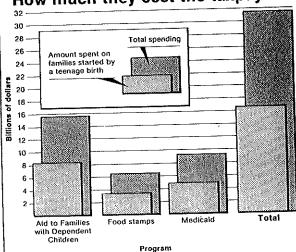
it hit at just the right time ... you take a chemical train or the Amtrak ... that switch could throw them off course and cause a terrible wreck."

Four times during March the six allegedly broke into the "hotbox," a small concrete building near Eda Road that houses the controls for the tracks. In addition to tearing up the equipment, they allegedly took the small electric heater that maintains the proper temperature inside the "hotbox."

Also, the six are charged with breaking into Hot Spring County Solid Waste Station No. 3 in Central on March 12 and again on March 15 and allegedly stealing a 19-inch Motorola color television set and a pushbutton

Carl Meny. They allegedly cut all four tires, broke the back window and last year's abduction of local teen

#### Teenage Pregnancies How much they cost the taxpayers



Source: The Alan Guttmacher Institute

**NEA GRAPHIC** 

### Tucker's running ragged

watch on this budget while I am govomor " Tucker said,

# OTC expected to hire fundraisers

By DAN MARSH Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College's foundation advisory committee Wednesday approved the hiring of a consulting firm to advise the board of trustees and foundation committee members on fund-raising techniques.

According to OTC President Ken Martin, the hiring of Clements & Associates of Salt Lake City was expected to be finalized with a vote of the board of trustees today. The firm's fee is \$18,000.

The firm will provide OTC officials with strategies to raise funds over the coming year, in coordination with the Futures Unlimited foundation's efforts to raise money locally.

OTC was recently issued a chal-

lenge by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to raise \$250,000, which will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the state for a total of \$500,000. The money will be put toward gaining North Central Association accreditation and improving the college physical plant, Martin said.

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# OTC board approves hiring of fundraisers

By DAN MARSH Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College voted Wednesday to hire a Salt Lake City firm to advise the Futures Unlimited foundation on fund-raising techniques.

According to OTC President Ken Martin, the firm of Ray Clements & Associates has been hired for an \$18,000 fee. Martin said the board of trustees' vote was unanimous.

Martin said Clements would advise the board on how to better organize its physical and financial resources in gathering funds.

OTC is responding to a challenge issued by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to raise \$250,000

by next June.

Futures Unlimited has thus far raised around \$30,000 thanks to a Dewey Stiles toast and roast, and a \$25,000 donation from Malvern National Bank, Martin said. The toast and roast raised about \$6,000 through ticket sales. The money already raised by the foundation will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the state.

Martin said of the potential of raising \$500,000 in combined donations and state matching funds, "we have a real chance to make a visible change here. This challenge has influenced our goals as a college, and I think

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we're on a roll for North Central Association accreditation."

NCA accreditation would make OTC eligible for more state and federal

funds, attract quality instructors, and allow student transcripts to be transferred to four-year institutions, Martin said.

OTC is attempting to change its image as a vocational-technical school since its recent upgrade into a two-year college, Martin said. "I think two-year colleges are part of the answer to this country's tremendous problems."

# **Thursday**

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COMING FRIDAY: Coverage of Malvern and Bismarck's school board meetings.

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# Malvern National donates \$25,000 to OTC

By DAN MARSH Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College's Futures Unlimited fund program received a much-needed boost Wednesday from Malvern National Bank, which donated a check for \$25,000 to the OTC Foundation.

MNB President Floyd L. Parker presented the check to OTC President Ken Martin, board of trustees chairman George McClure and fundraising chairman Steve Faris.

The Arkansas Department of Higher Education recently issued a challenge to OTC to raise \$250,000 by June 1993, Faris said. If OTC meets that goal, the state will match the money dollar-for-dollar, for a total of \$500,000. Martin says that money would be put to good use in attaining North Central Association (NCA) accreditation, a vital step in becoming a two-year college.

"We're getting a 100 percent return on investment by the state," Martin said yesterday. "This check will ultimately represent \$50,000 for the school."

The OTC Foundation fund-raising drive kicked off at last week's Dewey Stiles Toast and Roast, the ticket sales of which brought in about \$6,000 — which in turn will be matched by the state. The foundation thus far has raised more than \$3,000 on its own but with state matching



Daily Record Photo-Marsh

#### McClure, Parker, Martin and Faris were on hand for the donation.

NCA accreditation would mean itation. more students, faculty and funds for ey and attract quality instructors. Mar- under such a program.

Martin said OTC will pilot an Malvern. the school, Martin said. Accredita- associate's degree program next year, tion is needed to transfer student because the school cannot be accred. Unlimited Fund because by virtue of grades, obtain state and federal mon- ited without first graduating a class the college here, this area really is

tin said he hopes to put the money An associate's degree would be said. "The college's impact is critical the school is trying to raise now into fully transferable to larger universities to the economic health of Hot Spring

would be available to us right here in

"We're calling it the Futures provided an unlimited future," Martin

# City wins first round of litigation with railroad

By DAN MARSH Staff Writer

The City of Malvern won a court hearing Wednesday that determined the city's right to cross the Arkansas-Midland Railroad tracks in constructing an industrial access road.

Malvern Mayor Bill Scrimshire said the railroad company failed to attain an injunction against the city that would prevent construction of the road. He said the city won "the first round" of litigation, but noted further lawsuits may be filed by Arkansas-Midland.

According to City Attorney Chris E Williams, the case stemmed from the sion approved the road in 1989.

railroad company's assertion that the road would hamper their use of the tracks in the areas of Cabe Street and Anthony Timberlands, Inc.

The company also claimed the access road's direct contact with the tracks at a crossing would create a safety hazard.

Williams was unavailable for further comment this morning.

The access road will lead directly into the timber plant off U.S. Highway 270, alleviating area residents from heavy industrial traffic. Williams said it will provide residents a safer route to and from 270.

The Arkansas Highway Commis-

# Kimzey accepts bids on west end project

By the Daily Record Staff

The Farmers Home Administration treatment plant. has approved the district's agreements

for water lines, a booster pump station, Residents of the west end of Hot and accessories in the Bismarck area; Spring County may have water ser- water lines, a pumping station and vice from the James Kimzey Region- accessories in the Pearcy area; storage al Water District within the next year. tanks; raw water intake and a water

The bids will be publicly opened at with the U.S. Army Corps of Engi- a meeting Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m. neers and in turn has released funding at DeGray I also Pesort State Pork in

#### OTC

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Martin said new industries look for a well-trained local work force, and said OTC can provide that kind of resource if it meets its goals.

"Community support is important," Martin said. "We want people to be aware just how important they are to this drive."

Though Martin said no impact studies have been conducted on

OTC's financial worth to the area, McClure noted it is probably in the millions and expects it to increase as the college becomes more established. "That filters on down to the gas station owners, hotel owners, merchants, everybody," he said.

Parker said the bank would continue to support OTC in its endeavors, calling the program "vital" to Malvern and Hot Spring County.

Faris said Parker "has always been greatly concerned for the school. He knows its needs, and it's heartening for nim to make this donation on behalf of the bank."





## **Editorial**

# Community support needed for OTC

If igher education has come to Hot Spring County, but just how long it will stay here depends largely on the support of the community.

Hot Spring County businesses, industries and individuals will have an opportunity to show their support, both financially and in spirit, for Ouachita Technical College Thursday night.

The Dewey Stiles Toast and Roast will be held at OTC Thursday, beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available by calling OTC.

The toast and roast has a dual purpose according to OTC President Dr. Ken Martin — fundraising and friendraising.

First of all, OTC will introduce the OTC Foundation at Thursday night's event. The foundation will allow. OTC to raise funds and use them to best meet the needs of the college.

Secondly, OTC is hosting this toast and roast in an effort to help the public become more familiar with the college, its goals and its needs.

OTC has a golden opportunity lying before it. If the college can raise \$250,000 by June 1993, the state will match that money dollar for dollar providing OTC with \$500,000. The money, if raised, will most likely go toward the construction of a new library on campus.

But, OTC is not the only one facing a golden opportunity. Hot Spring County is also facing one. OTC, as it grows and develops, can mean many things to this area, primarily economic growth.

As the college grows it will in itself become an economic boost to the area, but providing educational opportunities for a technical workforce will be its greatest asset for this community.

But, none of this will be possible if Hot Spring County residents don't come together and support Ouachita Technical College.

Your first opportunity will come
Thursday night. Let's not let OTC or Hot
Spring County down.

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Ouestions concerning the distribution of the budget were directed at Jones, mainly about the nursing program, one of the most highly-sought programs at OTC in enrollment. A \$2,000 budget for supplies was outlined, but Jones said that was merely full -time developmental education for supplies such as "Band-aids."

Jones told the board the money for equipment was divided by department, the first year that had been a requirement. Jones noted that OTC hadn't bought any new equipment in nursing for several years, and when equipment had been purchased, the money had been appropriated.

"This is the first year we've ever had to do a budget by department." Jones said. "In the past we've had a lump sum." '

Trustee Steve Faris inquired about making progress in the nursing department, which has always had more enrolled than could be accepted.

"If we need new equipment out of this and we don't have any money..." Faris began. "If we have no plans to expand, how can we improve curriculum?"

Jones said there is presently no money in the Workforce program (from which the appropriations are derived) for equipment.

"Then we've got the nursing program as far as we can go?" Faris asked. "Maybe we better ask the legislature (for additional money) then. We've got

a special problem. Do we have any plans in the future to get money for the nursing department?"

Jones said those future plans, outlined in the five-year plan, did include money for improvements in the nursing program.

Among the items on OTC's new five-year plan wish list are additional maintenance repair personnel, a computer applications programmer, two faculty personnel, a library technical assistant and needed money for additional office space.

Moles told the board the needed space for the new library could be temporarily taken care of by using the nursing program classrooms, which are the largest on the campus. With the outline for the new five-plan year explained, board chairman George McClure Jr. asked Moles point blank about the revised version that was sent in today.

"Do you feel like these plans meet accredidation at this time?" McClure asked.

Moles said he saw no problem with the revised edition. The board then approved the plans as revised.

The board approved the 1992-93 staff handbook but postponed approval of the board policy handbook.

Faris, chair of the Finance Committee, told the board he would suggest someone from the DHE explain the new budgeting procedures at the next Finance Committee meeting. Jim Crownover, chair of the Academic Committee, said the committee had no meeting to report.

# **OTC** submits second revision of 5-year plan

#### By MARK BIVENS Staff Writer

Twice Ouachita Technical College has turned in five-year-plans to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Twice they have been rejected. But it's not panic time. Five-year plan, version III, will be handed over to the Department of Higher Education today, with revisions author J. Louis Moles hopes will satisfy the needs to meet the department's approval in OTC's effort to make the transition to an institution of higher education.

Moles explained to the OTC Board of Trustees Tuesday night that reviews by the DHE had found some need for the revisions and those had hopefully been ironed out.

"Version B (of the five-year plan) came back with a lot of comments," Moles explained to the board. "We removed some of the things (OTC) had asked for and made them more realistic. The primary need was equipment. So we zeroed in on equipment."

Bob Jones, acting director at OTC, said some of the positions OTC had requested were the facets the DHE didn't accept and some of the equipment requests had to be revised.

Jones said there is no deadline, officially, on acceptance of the five-year plan, but following the rejection of version B, "they gave us 10 days and tomorrow (Wednesday) is the tenth

Jones said this morning the document had been sent in.

"They want it now," Jones said this morning. "To get ready for the legislative session."

The five-year plan would allow OTC to be accredited and meet approval of the North Central Accrediation team, due to visit either in March or April of 1993.

OTC's budget has been accepted by the DHE, which was set at \$1,619,495, some \$22,000 less than the original budget. Trustee Dewey Stiles asked Jones if the budget ! wouldn't force OTC to cut corners.

"I don't want to us to get cut downto where we can't hire qualified people," Stiles told Jones.

"No sir," Stiles answered. "I don't think so."

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# Editorial

# Technical college's future brightens with president

he future looks brighter for Ouachita Technical College today. Friday's much awaited announcement of a new president shifted the college from neutral into high gear.

Much of the needed planning for the future of the college remained on hold while the search for a president was underway.

Friday afternoon OTC's selection committee Chairman Dewey Stiles. announced Dr. Kenneth Martin of Kokomo, Ind., had accepted the college's leadership.

The principle task which lies ahead of Martin, the board of trustees, OTC, Malvern and Hot Spring County is fund-raising and gaining North Central Accreditation.

OTC must raise \$500,000 by this time next year. When the money is raised, OTC will qualify for matching funds from the state

It will take some creative fundraising to generate that amount of money in these economic times, but it can be done.

The transition from vocational-technical school to technical college has just begun for OTC. Changing the name was just the first step. There are a number of changes remaining ahead.

It will be Martin's duty, with the support of the board of trustees and the OTC staff and students, to lead the college to its new role in education.

We commend the OTC board on its selection of Martin. We welcome Martin and his family to Hot Spring County. And, we all look forward to watching OTC's bright future unfold before us.

## MONDAY

INSIDE TODAY: Special advertising supplement for back to school.

COMING TUESDAY: Coverage of the Malvern City Council meeting.

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# **Ouachita Technical College board selects Martin for presidency**

By TERRI LEMING Staff Writer

The new president of Quachita Technical College says he is excited about joining the Malvern communithe school.

Chairman of the OTC board's leaves. selection committee Dewey Stiles introduced Dr. Ken Martin on Friday as the board's choice for the new position.

Stiles said the "long and tedious process," which began in April, resulted in an excellent choice to guide the college to accredited status.

has worked, progress has been made, home. ty and has his eyes set on progress for including a \$4 million expansion at

> tem, which averaged 2,500 students like it than central Indiana." annually.

"We were looking for a super per- was very selective of the schools to which, he believes, will lend greater son and I think we found one," Stiles which he applied. A native of the credibility to the institution, His expetold the audience at the announce- Branson, Mo., area, he said coming rience with the accreditation process, ment. Stiles said everywhere Martin to Malvern is almost like coming Stiles said, met the board's top crite-

"This is the kind of city I was raised the Indiana campus from which he in, and I'm ready to get back," he said. Although he has fond friends and Martin joins the OTC administra- memories in Indiana, Martin said, tion, leaving a position as assistant "There's a type of inner-serenity that sure that's what this college is." dean of a six-county region of the Indi-comes from kind of getting back to ana Vocational-Technical College sys-your roots, and this (Malvern) is more

One of the top priorities Martin Martin said he is proud to have sees for the college is gaining North been chosen by the board, adding he Central Association accreditation, lege.

rion during the search.

"I see nothing but opportunity laying ahead for us," Martin told the reception audience. "I want to be a part of a dynamic institution, and I'm

Other positions on Martin's resume include dean of academic affairs and institutional services at a Muscatine, Iowa, school, and dean of instruction at Clarendon (Iowa) Community Col-

He received his doctorate in community college administration from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Martin will be assuming his position full-time as soon as he, his wife, Dana, and children, Tamara, 18, and Brian, 15, have been able to locate and move into a home.

"This is going to be rewarding for me in many ways," Martin said of the move. "It's going to be fun."

The board selected Martin from 105 applications from 35 states.



KEN MARTIN **New OTC president** 

# Hayes named JTPA Success Story; businesses needed to participate

By TERRI LEMING Staff Writer

Patricia Hayes' determination to overcome her personal barriers as a high school drop-out and single mother have earned her the honor of being named the 1992 Job Training Partnership Act Success Story.

In conjunction with the annual JTPA alumni week, staff of the West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District recognize an outstanding participant who has successfully completed the program to improve his or her life.

Training and child care funded by JTPA made it possible for Hayes to receive her General Education Degree (GED) and go on to complete the Licensed Practical Nurse course at Ouachita Technical College in June 1991.

The Glen Rose resident is currently employed at Saline Nursing Center in Benton where she was recently promoted to Treatment and Infection Control. With her sights set even higher, Hayes says she is still setting goals for herself with plans to continue her education and receive registered nurse certification.

"The district would like to congratulate Patricia and all of the alumni on their success," said Willie Booth of the Hot Spring County JTPA office.

Although federal budget cuts have limited the number of new JTPA participants to 15, the program has served around 200, including 67 summer youth.

The program serves economically and physically disadvantaged workers through tutoring, on-the-job training, vocational education, adult education and school drop-out prevention, as well as home instruction for preschoolers and assistance for dislocated workers.

Local staffers Booth, Carolyn Baker and Ravonna Walker are seeking businesses to participate in worker placement. Following specific guidelines for employment and training, the WCAPDD may enter into a contract with an employer to be reimbursed for up to 50 percent of the beginning wage of the employee for a determined time. Businesses interested in participation should contact the office in the Dyer Street Shopping Center by calling 337-1946.

## OTC adds new business instructor

Special to the Daily Record

Mrs. Nancy Steele Huber has been hired as a business instructor for Ouachita Technical College.

She has a B.S. Ed., Ed. S., and a M.S. Ed. from the University of Georgia. Nancy has 16 years of teaching experience at Truett McConnell College in Cleveland, GA. She is married to Dudley A. Huber, who is employed by Weyerhauser as a forest geneticist. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Florida and a B.S./M.S. from the University of Georgia. They have two children, John, 20, and Heather, 18.

## Hearnsberger new instructor at Ouachita

Special to the Daily Record

Gloria Hearnsberger has been hired as a LPN instructor at Ouachita Technical College. She is a graduate of Malvern High School, the LPN Program at Ouachita Vocational Technical School, received a BSN from Henderson State University (where she graduated Summa Cum Laude), and is currently enrolled in the graduate program at UAMS.

She has four and one-half years of experience as a clinic nurse and worked as a LPN and RN at Hot Spring County Memorial Hospital..

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COMING THURSDAY: A preview of Friday night's football action.

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# OTC 'clears hurdles' on way to earning North Central accreditation

By DAN MARSH Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College is "clearing hurdles" on its way to claiming affiliation with the North Central Association (NCA) and making the change from a vocational-technical school, to a full-fledged college.

This according to reports at Tuesday's OTC Board of Trustees meeting. NCA Coordinator Jay Lewis told the board the school is making good progress toward receiving North Central accreditation, though it will be at least anoth-

with the group.

"That won't come until we clear other hurdles." Lewis said. "Right now, we can in no way claim affiliation with North Central: However, we're off the ground. We've cleared the major hurdle."

Lewis said it will be around August of next year before the NCA Commission announces whether Ouachita can receive accreditation. A North Central team will visit the campus next April, Lewis said, to examine Ouachita self-

er year before OTC can claim any affiliation study programs and, later in the year, to submit their findings to the North Central Commission. NCA affiliation would change the types of courses and college credits offered by Quachita.

> OTC President Ken Martin said the campus stands to receive \$240,000 in a statewide nonmatching capital allocation release. The money will allow Ouachita to remodel existing facililities and acquire new machine tools and software equipment. A figure totaling \$240,000 must be obtained from each department at the

college and submitted to the Arkansas Dept. of Higher Education.

Board Chairman George McClure Jr., said the improvements made possible by the money should go toward increasing Ouachita's likelihood of NCA accreditation. Martin said the list of improvements would be prioritized to meet those ends.

In other business, enrollment at OTC is up by some 20 percent over the fall of 1991, according to a report given the board. The school's general education program was cred- Please see OTC, page 14

ited with the increase. An increase in the number of high school students participating in OTC programs also gave enrollment numbers a boost. Martin said the community is "picking up on the fact general education (is) needed as much as technical skills."

Increasing enrollment figures are the college's "big problem" right now, the board determined. "It's better to have this kind of problem than the other kind, a decrease in

### Clinton

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taking a question from a woman in Grand Rapids. "I need to relate directly to you."

Of a new nationwide poll this week that showed him with a 21-point lead over Bush, Clinton said: "I don't believe it."

Clinton said he was opposed to physician-assisted suicide and would veto legislation to legalize it.

Clinton didn't directly say whether he would back legislation in Congress to criminalize worker safety violations and dramatically increase the fines.

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enrollment," Martin said. "It's tough to budget for these kinds of growth figures."

Martin predicted "dramatic" growth figures over the coming year, "I dare say more than 20 percent. Then it should level out to a two or three percent increase each year. That's good

news."

According to the report, an estimated 298 students are attending general education courses at OTC this fall.

In other action, the board approved a resolution submitted by Martin allowing him to hire or re-appoint adjunct faculty or part-time administrative employees, "mundane" aspects of OTC policy. Martin affirmed the board's authority to hire or dismiss all full-time employees.

## Buckle Up Avoid the summertime blues.

# OTC hires new library director

By DAN MARSH Staff Writer

Mrs. Katherine Massey has been hired as the new library director for Ouachita Technical College. Massey graduated with honors with a BA degree in library science. She also has a master's of library and Information science. Both degrees were earned at the University of North Texas.

She is the former director of library programs and pervices for the Association for Higher Education of North Texas.

# OTC president hospitalized following heart attack

By DAN MARSH Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College President Ken Martin, 46, suffered a heart attack early Thursday and is reportedly in serious condition.

According to a spokesman for Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock, Martin was admitted yesterday

at 7 a.m., and is currently receiving treatment in coronary care unit. The spokesman said it is not known when Martin's condition will improve.

A spokesman at OTC said Friday Martin had "a good night" Thursday. No further details were available by presstime.

November 5, 1992

# OTC president released from Little Rock hospital

By DAN MARSH Staff Writer

Ken Martin, president of Ouachita Vocational Technical College, has been discharged from a Little Rock hospital following treatment for a heart attack.

According to a spokesman for Baptist Medical Center, Martin, 46, was released from care Tuesday. He was

admitted for treatment Thursday, Oct. 22, after suffering a heart attack in the early morning hours. No information was available on the extent of Martin's treatment.

His condition was serious, and he was treated in the hospital's coronary care unit. A spokesman for OTC said it is not known when Martin will be able to return to his duties.

October 27, 1992

# Variin siil hospitalized ittle Rock

Staff Writer

Ken Martin, president of Ouachita Technical College, was still under treatment at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock as of this morning.

Martin, 46, was hospitalized early Thursday after apparently suffering a heart attack.

A spokesman for Baptist Medical Center said today that Martin is still in serious condition. He is being monitored in the coronary care unit, and it is not known when he will be released.

The spokesman said no surgery has yet been performed on Martin, but that an arteriogram was performed Monday.

Martin took over his duties as president at OTC in August, coming to Malvern from an administrative post at a community college in Kokomo, Ind.

The school is currently in the early stages of seeking accreditation with the North Central Association (B)(0/20)



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BULL ROASTERS — Members of the food services class at Ouachita Technical College, including Sheila Kizziar, Carolyn Ireton, Curtis McCauley and Bessie Williams, assisted in the sixth annual March of Dimes Bull Roast last Saturday. In addition to the roasted bull, the fund raising event's menu featured "Jerk Chicken," trout, catfish, quail and other game,

as well as vegetables and desserts. Patrons also enjoyed music, tethered hot air balloon rides and a silent auction with proceeds benefiting the Arkansas Chapter of the March of Dimes. The OTC class, which also includes Melinda Sandefer and Steven McJunkin, is instructed by Tressie McJunkin and assists annually at the event.

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SHAKE YOUR BAKING POWDER - During the Third Annual Holiday Cooking School Saturday night, Ouachita Technical College Food Service Director Tressie McJunkin advised cooks to shake their baking powder to stir up the gases before helpful kitchen tips, several easy recipes, easy by OTC for matching funds.

decorating tips and enjoyed edible door prizes. Among the recipes demonstrated was a Red Hot Apple Pie, made with cinnamon red hots, shown by Hot Spring County Extension Service Home Economist Irma Harbour. According to Harbour, they used it. Those who attended learned other the show raised about \$3,000, which will be used

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F.C.E. members, recently developed recipes for the USDA and other local recipes Harbour felt should be included.

Students from OTC food service and home economic students from Henderson State University at Arkadelphia will assist with the show, which is sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service in conjunction with OTC and various local sponsors.

Proceeds from the show held at the OTC cafeteria will go to OTC for matching funds.

Although audience capacity is limited to 350, 200 tickets have already been sold, so Harbour advises anyone interested in attending to call the county extension office as soon as possible. Tickets are \$3 per person and everyone present is eligible for a door prize.

Groceries for the recipes will be supplied by Harvest Foods.

# Holiday cooking school scheduled for November

By MICHELLE GILLHAM Staff Writer

Look out Julia Child, Ouachita Technical College Food Service and the Hot Spring County Cooperative Extension Service is having its Third Annual Holiday Cooking School!

Saturday, Nov. 14, from 7-9 p.m., Tressie McJunkin, OTC food service director, and Irma Harbour, county home economist, will be giving demonstrations on a variety of foods, including quick and easy recipes, microwave recipes and traditional recipes made with a lower fat content.

Door prizes include a Kenmore microwave oven donated by the Sears Catalog Store and a breadmaker donated by Wal-Mart, in addition to numerous other door prizes to be given away throughout the evening.

Harbour said the breadmaker will be demonstrated and recipes will include a three cheese enchilada that can be complete in 20 minutes. New kitchen gadgets and kitchenware will be exhibited as well.

The audience will benefit from infomercials between the demonstrations that will include helpful holiday hints, ways to make your own lotion, and environmentally safe cleaning. Everyone who attends will receive a recipe book composed of recipes from



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Tressie McJunkin, Jesse Clark, Bob Jones and Irma Harbour practice for cooking school.

# Roast to honor Stiles, raise funds



DEWEY STILES
Toast and roast honoree

#### By DAN MARSH Staff Writer

Dewey Stiles will be the recipient of a toast and roast Thursday, Dec. 10, as part of a "friend welcoming" hosted by Ouachita Technical College, according to OTC President Ken Martin.

Martin said Stiles will be toasted and roasted by six to eight panelists at 6:30 p.m. in the OTC cafeteria.

The panelists are unconfirmed at this time, but Martin said they will include several business leaders and politicians.

Stiles is a member of the OTC board of trustees. He has been employed in the labor field and recently retired as the chairman of the Hot Spring County Democratic Central Committee and the Hot Spring Coun-

ty Election Commission, after 20 years of service.

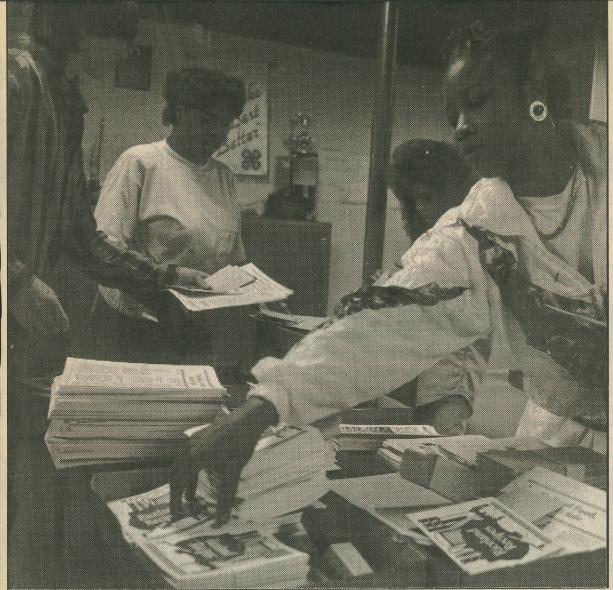
"We just want to introduce to the community who we are, as a rather newly-formed technical college," Martin explained.

"We want to get the community together to make some new friends and raise funds," Martin said.

Martin said the funds will go into a foundation trust that will eventually be put toward capital improvements and equipment upgrading.

OTC was transformed from a vocational -technical school to a technical college in 1991 by legislative action. The college offers traditional vocational-technical training, as well as college-level courses.

Martin joined the OTC staff in August as president.



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Volunteers prepare packets for Saturday's cooking school.

# Cooking school countdown begins

By MICHELLE GILLHAM Staff Writer

Aspiring young chefs or even old-timers with plenty of experience should enjoy the Third Annual Holiday Cooking School scheduled for this Saturday, Nov. 14, from 7-9 p.m. at the Ouachita Technical College cafeteria. Tickets are still available for the show, which is sponsored by OTC and the Hot Spring County Cooperative Extension Service.

Demonstrations of several recipes, infomercials concerning various items of interest and new product displays will be featured in the two-hour long show.

According to Irma Harbour, county home economist, the demonstrations will include quick and easy recipes, microwave recipes and traditional recipes made with a lower fat content. Among the infomercials will be helpful holiday hints, ways to make your own lotion and environmentally safe cleaning.

Harbour and Tressie McJunkin, OTC food service director, will be giving the demonstrations during the show, and everyone who attends will be eligible for the numerous door prizes.

A Kenmore microwave oven donated by the Sears Catalog Store and a breadmaker donated by Wal-Mart will be the grand prizes. Other door prizes will be given away through the evening.

A few tickets are still available for the nominal charge of \$3 each. Proceeds from the demonstration will go to OTC for matching funds.

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# OTC trustees prepare for toast and roast, North Central accreditation

**By DAN MARSH** Staff Writer

The Quachita Technical College Board of Trustees held their first regular meeting since September on Tuesday night to discuss further steps toward North Central Associaiton accreditation and financial matters.

President Ken Martin on progress toward the college's Dewey Stiles Toast and Roast, which will raise money and friends for the school.

The toast and roast, to be held Thursday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. at the OTC cafeteria, "puts out a critical message, that OTC is here, and man, ticket sales to the toast and roast have longer range category.

of this community as much as possible," Martin said, "We also need friends from around the foundation now has some \$9,000. community to help us in the long run."

The event is the first step in raising funds for the college and will help introduce Malvern to the OTC Foundation. If OTC can raise The trustees also heard a report from OTC \$250,000 by June 30, 1993, the state will provide matching funds and allow OTC to use the money "for any kind of capital project we want to put in, such as buildings or equipment." Martin said.

According to Steve Faris, foundation chair-

that we want to integrate into the happenings already raised \$4,000 toward that goal, and with donations from individuals added in, the

> Martin said the money can be put toward providing scholarships and books for students, and stressed to the board that a new learning resource center — to house a library and other instructional equipment — is "the most critical capital project we need to look at, as far as North Central accreditation is concerned."

> Martin said library facilities are vital to the accreditation process, with scholarship funding and additional equipment falling under a

Faris said bylaws for the foundation have satisfy NCA requirements. been completed by state Sen. George Hopkins, an essential step in attaining a tax exempt status for the group. The OTC Foundation was established to spearhead the college's emphasis on fund raising.

Board chairman George McClure said as it is today." "remarkable steps" have been taken for the foundation.

Martin submitted a slightly revised edition of OTC's mission statement to the board for their approval. He said the statement was written to indicate where OTC "needs to go" and how the school can prepare a strategic plan to Please see OTC, page 12

"This mission statement is our best guess," Martin said. "It should reflect the idea this is a community-based college open to everyone, to provide this area a well-trained work force. We feel this statement is the epitomy of OTC

The board said the college must be able to live up to the objectives detailed in the statement, but approved the revised version.

Since becoming a technical college, Martin said the focus of the school has changed to

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incorporate local economic development, pinpointing the Malvern work force. In other business, Faris told the

board OTC is in good financial shape. A delegation from the college went before a joint Senate-House budget committee recently to obtain approval of the budget, Faris said, and a proposal submitted by Stiles was passed on to subcommittee review.

"Against everybody's advice, Mr. Martin went before the subcommittee" to discuss the budgetary proposal, Faris said, referring to Martin's recent illness. "They passed the budget without question, which is rare for them. So we're in good shape."

Martin asked the board to consider moving OTC's academic officer to a chief of student services slot, and for permission to advertise for a dean of instruction. He also asked authorization to change some administrative titles, without altering the duties of those personnel.

The requests were approved by the board.

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executive director chose not to have them repaired, and burned units at Gloster sat vacant when shut down by the city for violations of city codes.

Taylor explained MHA will receive a few 'A's, including work order turnaround, resident initiaves and unpaid accounts (there were none at the end of the fiscal year). Although initially the score for energy consumption will be low, when taking into account new security lighting, the mark should be raised, Taylor expects.

The board voted 3-0 to pass the resolution concerning PHMAP certification.

In other business, Commissioner A.J. Harrison made the motion to close the offices at noon Thursday, Dec. 31. Eula B. Bailey seconded, and the board approved the measure 3-0.

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applications were taken, 19 offers made, 10 units rented and six vacated, leaving a total of four vacancies.

MHA has a number of holiday activities planned for residents, beginning with a reception Dec. 18 and continuing with a visit from Santa Dec. 21. Seniors who live at Gloster Court will be given a reception at 1:30 p.m. Dec. 22.

MHA offices will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day. Offices will be open until noon New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

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ing his law degree from the Arkansas Law School in 1964.

His professional affiliations include the Arkansas Judicial Council, the American Bar Association, the Arkansas Bar Association and the Grant County Bar Association. He is a commissioner of the Arkansas Adult Probationary Commission and the Arkansas State Court Reporters' Commission.

One of his most prized honors, Cole said, came from the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association who named him outstanding trial judge in 1981.

He and his wife, Mary, reside in Sheridan and have one son. Cole said he has always been active in politics as a life-long Democrat, and remains active in many civic affairs.

#### Sen. George Hopkins

George Hopkins, a Democrat, was elected to the State Senate in 1985? and has recently relocated his private law practice to new offices on East Page in Malvern.

As a State Senator, Hopkins has served on several Senate committees including the Agriculture and Economic Development Committee, the Education Committee, the Senate Committee on Committees and the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Active in many civic pursuits, Hopkins is a member of the Arkansas Bar Association, the Hot Spring county Bar Association, the Malvern Rotary Club, the Board of Directors of Ouachita Children's Center and the Arkansas Rural Fire Department Study Commission.

He is a graduate of Ouachita High School, Henderson State University and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law. He now resides in Magnet Cove with his wife,

Mariam.

#### Rep. H. Lacy Landers

Rep. H. Lacy Landers of Benton is serving his 15th term representing a portion of Saline County in the Arkansas General Assembly.

In 1985 Landers attained the highest-ranking position as the Speaker of the House and served a two-year term in that role.

He currently serves as chairman of the House Management Committee and is a member of the House Insurance and Commerce Committee, the House Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee and the Legislative Council. He also is a member of a special legislative committee on Game and Fish Commission funding.

Landers represents Arkansas on the Legislative Management Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures Assembly on the Legislature and is a member of the Human Resources Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference.

Born and raised in Saline County, Landers is a graduate of Benton High School and is a veteran of the Korean War. he retired from the Aluminum Company of American (Alcoa) in 1982. He is married to the former Lea

#### Jimmie Lou Fisher-Lumpkin

Vice chairman of the Democratic State Committee, Jimmie Lou Fisher-Lumpkin is in her fifth term as Arkansas state treasurer.

She has served as president of the National Association of State Treasurers, treasurer of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers and is a past president of the Arkansas Democratic Women's Club.

A former member of the Democratic National Committee, Fisher-Lumpkin was a delegate to the 1988 Democratic National Convention.

She was named Outstanding Elected Democratic Woman Holding Public Office in 1992 by the National Association of Democratic Women and received the Jesse Unruh Award in 1991 from the National Association of State Treasurers.

The public offices in which Fisher-Lumpkin has served include Greene County Treasurer and State Auditor, appointed by Gov. Bill Clinton.

She is a member of the State Board of Election Commissioners, the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas State Highway Employees Retirement System and is an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System and ht Arkansas Teacher Retirement System. She also is secretary of the State Board of Finance.

A native Arkansan, she was born in Delight and graduated from Vilonia High School. She attended Arkansas State University and graduated in 1985 from the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government.

#### Donald M. Spears

Attorney Donald M. Spears of Malvern has served in several local and state capacities since receiving his juris doctor from the University of Arkansas School of Law in 1975.

He is a former Hot Spring County juvenile judge and director of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority. He has served as a parttime instructor of business law and real estate at Henderson State University.

He is a member of the Arkansas and American Bar Associations and the American Trial Lawyers Association. Spears serves on the standing committee on Legislation for the Arkansas Bar Association and the Legislative Policy Committee. He also is a former delegate for the 7th Judicial District to the Arkansas Bar Association House of Delegates.

His business pursuits include serving as president of Hot Spring County Title Services Inc., Healthcare Monitoring Systems and Westridge Development Corporation.

A graduate of Malvern High School and Ouachita Baptist University, Spears has engaged in general law practice in Malvern since 1975. He is married to the former Gerry Nell Williams and has two children.

# Stiles toasters topped by Clinton assistant, Betsey Wright

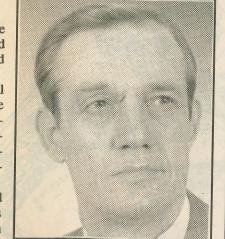
By TERRI LEMING Staff Writer

Local and state personalities are preparing to cook up some fun and funds for the Dewey Stiles Toast and Roast this Thursday.

A benefit for Ouachita Technical College in Malvern, the event is the first step toward the college's fundraising goal of \$250,000. OTC President Ken Martin also to raise a number of friends for the growing institu-

Organizers are aiming for a packed house at the OTC cafeteria with friends and admirers of the former chairman of the Hot Spring County Democratic Central Committee and former director of the Arkansas Department of

Tickets for the 6 p.m. dinner are \$25 each and are tax deductible. For information call OTC at 332 3658.



JOHN W. COLE **HSC Circuit Judge** 

Topping the list of toasters and roasters will be aide to President-elect

Bill Clinton, Betsey Wright. Wright is presently serving as the director of public outreach for the pres-



LACY LANDERS State Representative

idential transition team. She is a former Clinton chief of staff and a former

director of the state Democratic Party. Stiles include: She most recently served on the faculty of Harvard University's John F.



**GEORGE HOPKINS State Senator** 

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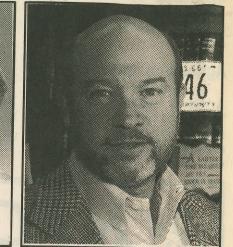
Others scheduled to roast and toast

Judge John W. Cole John W. Cole, before assuming his



JIMMIE LOU FISHER-LUMPKIN **State Treasurer** 

duties as circuit judge in 1979, has held positions as District Prosecuting Attorney, Sheridan Municipal Judge and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.



DON SPEARS Malyern attorney

School, Cole attended Henderson State University and the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, before receiv-

As a graduate of Malvern High Please see ROAST, page 12

# Toast and Roast raises \$6,000 for OTC, introduces new friends

ROASTED N' TOASTED -

Dewey Stiles, right, returns fire after being roasted by a panel of his friends and admirers. The Stiles Toast and Roast raised \$6,000 to benefit the newlyformed Ouachita Technical College Foundation. The money, garnered by ticket sales, will be be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Arkansas Dept. of Higher Education, for a total of \$12,000. OTC is working toward raising \$250,000. Below, Betsey Wright, former chief of staff for Gov. Bill Clinton, has her say, scorching Stiles and the rest of the panel with jokes and anecdotes. Clinton sent Stiles a signed letter expressing his appreciation for Stiles's past work as the former chairman of the Hot Spring County Democratic Central Committee and former director of the Arkansas Department of Labor.



By DAN MARSH Staff Writer

night's Dewey Stiles Toast and Roast, a gala event that raised some \$12,000, when matched by state funds, for the Ouachita Technical College Foundation and entertained about 100 people.

Stiles was the recipient of jokes, anecdotes, tall tales, problems." and praise from local and state personalities. The roaster treasurer; John W. Cole, Hot Spring County Circuit Judge; George Hopkins, state senator; Don Spears, Malvern attorney; Lacy Landers, state representative; and Betsey Wright, director of Public Outreach for President-elect Bill Clinmaster of ceremonies.

ing him for his service to the state over the years. Cartoonist George Fisher also participated by providing a for a third of the cost of larger universities." sketch of Stiles that became the trademark of the event.

Stiles took a licking for more than an hour and a half, ly blasting the panel.

money that will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the state. OTC is attempting to raise \$250,000, and though the foundation is now into that amount by \$12,000, college President Ken Martin said "we've still got a long way to Please see STILES, page 12

Martin had a two-fold purpose for the toast and roast Food, folks and fun — the key ingredients at Thursday — to honor Stiles, and raise "funds and friends" for OTC. Martin explained to the audience he wanted to introduce the community to OTC.

> "We're no longer a vo-tech," he said. "Two-year colleges are part of the answer to this country's tremendous

Martin called the functional illiteracy problem in Amerpanel consisted of Jimmie Lou Fisher-Lumpkin, state ica "a sad commentary. It's no wonder the country is losing it's leadership. This college wants to provide the skills people just don't have to compete for jobs."

He said the "explosion" of technology can also be prepared for by more investment in two-year colleges. "We're ton's Transition Office. Mayor Bill Scrimshire served as learning a whole lot real fast. Where are the people with the skills to meet these technological changes? I believe Clinton himself sent Stiles a personal message thank- in a lifelong learning and re-training process. Two-year colleges are the best institutions for that kind of training, and

Martin said with the potential of raising \$500,000 through donations and state-matching funds, "we have a but gave as good as he got at the end by good-humored- real chance to make a visible change. This challenge has influenced our goals as a college. I think we're on a roll More importantly, ticket sales for the toast and roast for North Central candidacy, and it's going to be done raised \$6,000 for the newly-formed OTC Foundation — because of the commitment of this community. It's critical that we succeed.

"If you think college tuition is expensive, just compute

# Stiles recalls sticky situation with Clinton

By DAN MARSH Staff Writer

Thursday night at Ouachita Techni- instead. cal College drew a longtime mutual friend of his and President-elect Bill serves Clinton as Director of Public efforts. C Outreach of the President's Transi- several W tion Office.

Wright, Clinton's former chief of inet, incl staff, was among the panel of roasters D-Texas, is Treasury secretary. who good-naturedly grilled Stiles last Stiles, however, had the last laugh by peanut butter to take to Clinton after wanted to eat during a personal visit guration.

- peanut butter.

Clinton's — Betsey Wright, who now President-elect's laborious transition nton yesterday appointed ington and Wall Street insiders to ead up his economic cabg Sen. Lloyd Bentsen,

"It's just such a great beginning night, and stung her friend with a few for the administration," she said of one-liners and anecdotes of her own. those appointments. "It's great to see people appointed who really know handing her an economy-sized jar of what they're doing and talking about."

the roast, because Stiles's kitchen once make further cabinet appointments "a failed to have the one item Clinton few along the way" to his Jan. 20 inau-

Wright said the transition efforts Stiles said he ended up serving are moving along "very fast. We have Dewey Stiles' toast and roast Clinton jelly and vienna sausage, to keep reminding ourselves how quickly Jan. 20 will get here. We also Following the roast, Wright keep reminding ourselves that we answered a few questions about the don't have to have everything done by the first of the year. It just isn't possible."

> She called Clinton's transition from the Governor's office to the Oval Office "a brand new experience. We're just learning so much about the new governmental agencies which we haven't had that much contact or dealings with before.

"It's really exciting how many peo-She said she expects Clinton to ple want to become involved in government again. That's a very good sign. People want to work and get behind a new president," she said.

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## Editorial

# Stiles helps make learning possible

ot Spring County showed off last night. Ouachita Technical College played host to the Dewey Stiles Toast and Roast. It was a chance to show off, and Malvern and its area residents did not waste the chance.

It was a chance to pay tribute to Stiles, a tireless, dedicated public servant and one of the driving forces on the OTC Board of Trustees. That board desires to give area residents the opportunity to compete in a rapidly-changing job market — a market that has room for few except the educated.

To prepare our residents for that competitive job market, OTC has taken a stand to improve its abilities to provide the needed education. In the transition from vocational institution to technical college, OTC is in need of finances.

To acquire those finances, the OTC board and President Ken Martin havebegun the drive to raise \$250,000 in funds to be matched by the state. It's a goal. Not a

Last night's tribute to Stiles was a fitting step. The fund-raiser brought in \$6,000. Martin, the opimist, noted to the audienceit actually meant \$12,000, when the matching funds are blended it.

The amount is a step on a tall ladder to achieving the needed \$250,000. Tall, but not impossible. The fund-raising effort is of utmost importance. Whether Hot Spring County residents will have affordable acc-sess to higher education in the immediate area depends largely on the services of

And Stiles? The proud kid from Tulip,
Ark., received a letter from another area
native last night. The letter writer earned
an education and in November received a
big job promotion. That area native is

President-elect Bill Clinton.

Hot Spring County residents desiring
bigger and better things for themselves and
their families through education deserve an
opportunity. From last night's showing and
from all other indications, that will become
a reality.

Hot Spring County – showing off again.

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The living quarters would need what Clevenger said would probably be about \$500 worth of repairs before being occupied. The board decided to postpone a decision until next month's meeting.

Board chairman George McClure Jr. directed a question to Jones concerning the High School Center, where high school students take classes at OTC. Jones said the program was running at a deficit in the neighborhood of \$12,000 as of Dec. 31.

"Can we operate through May with what we've got?" McClure asked.

Jones said the school could, providing financial aid arrives. Jones said in previous years, under the votech system, money had been transferred around to assist those with deficits. That no longer is possible, Jones said

Jones said two things could happen to continue the high school program at the school.

Jones said either more students from high school are needed to enroll in the program or the tuition needs to be increased. Presently, 144 students are enrolled in the high school program. Jones said that number would need to be increased to 250 or tuition could be raised to \$350 per student, based on the present number enrolled.



Daily Record photo-Gillham

HSCMH AUXILIARY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS — Violet Townsend, president of the Hot Spring County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, recently awarded two Ouachita Technical College Licensed Practical Nurse students with \$500 scholarships. Pictured are (left to

right) Lynette Smith, chairman of the nursing department at OTC; students Sheila Key of Malvern and Henra Wells of Gurdon with Townsend. The students are in an 11 month progrma and will graduate July 22.

# College trustees approve tuition hike

By MARK BIVENS Staff Writer

A \$5 per semester hour tuition increase to be tacked on to the present \$20 per semester hour at Ouachita Technical College was approved Wednesday in the OTC Board of Trustees meeting.

The increase was passed, despite concern from board member Bonnie Jean-Stanley that some enrollment decline might be involved. After being told over 90-percent of the students enrolled at OTC are receiving financial assistance for tuition, the board generally agreed the student population wouldn't be affected.

The board again tabled a motion to obtain an attorney for the school, which would assist in obtaining compliance in the school's transition from a vocational institution to a college. Board chairman George McClure Jr. said the Department of Higher Education was unsure of where the money for an attorney would come from, and until that was learned the board probably should wait to make such a move.

OTC has been in the process of establishing a foundation to raise, funds for the school's operations.

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COMING FRIDAY: Coverage of the regional solid waste board meeting.

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#### In brief

#### Public meetings

MALVERN — The Malvern City Council will meet Monday, March 2, at 7 p.m. in city hall.

POYEN - Poyen School Board will meet today at 7 p.m. in the superintendent's office.

#### Local brief

MALVERN — The Hot Spring County Spelling Bee will be today at 7 p.m. at Wilson Elementary School.

#### National briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) - Recognizing that "Star Trek" has mind-melded with America, the Smithsonian's Air and Space fuseum is mounting an otherorldly exhibit featuring phasers, bbles and even a set of Spock's s. "Star Trek: The Exhibition" through

# Board of Trustees accepts qualifications for president



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Dr. David Craig, Stiles, and McClure discuss proposal.

By MARK BIVENS Staff Writer

Ouachita Technical College's advisory board wants a president in office by June. Wednesday, the board invited area officials to help in the search for a president to a luncheon. Advice was sought to outline an approach to obtaining a president and OTC Board of Trustees Chairman George McClure Jr. stressed the urgency to those in attendance.

"We started a new endeavor as of last July," McClure said of OTC's transition from a vocational school to higher education. "We're sailing new waters. We have six years to become accredited by North Central and the clock is ticking. The first thing we need to do is hire a president for the college and we'll be in the process of selecting a president over the next few months."

Board member Dewey Stiles, speaking as the chair for the advisory board, said the step is an important

"This is probably the most important decision we can make while as a board," Stiles said. "The procedure Please see OTC, page 10

(of selecting a president) will be after we advertise nationwide. They'll be screened down and submitted to the State Department of Higher Education and the local board will make the decision."

Stiles credited OTC director Earl Clevenger with "doing a good job in meeting guidelines" during the transition's early stages.

McClure said reaching a decision and gathering candidates needed to be a community endeavor.

"We're sure open for discussion and I'd sure like for everyone to speak up with what's on your mind," McClure said. "A lot of what direction this school takes will be molded by this president. The individual will basically create something. I hope we can contact that type of individual."

The board agreed it was too early to make any commitments on a salary for the position since the amount of funding available is unknown. McClure said considerations have to be made when campaigning for a president.

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"So we will have some ideas of other schools," Clevenger told the invited guests, faculty and board members of the reasoning for soliciting missions from other schools. "We're not saying what we write up is exactly what any of these schools have."

Clevenger warned the mission statement "needs to be something we can accomplish" and some wording should be viewed cautiously.

"We don't want to say we'll make (students) better citizens," Clevenger said. "By whose definition (is a good citizen)? This is going to be a community endeavor."

Clevenger said the statement needed to be broad enough to include all six areas of education at OTC and focus on what the school is trying to accomplish.

McClure was leery about making the statement too

broad.

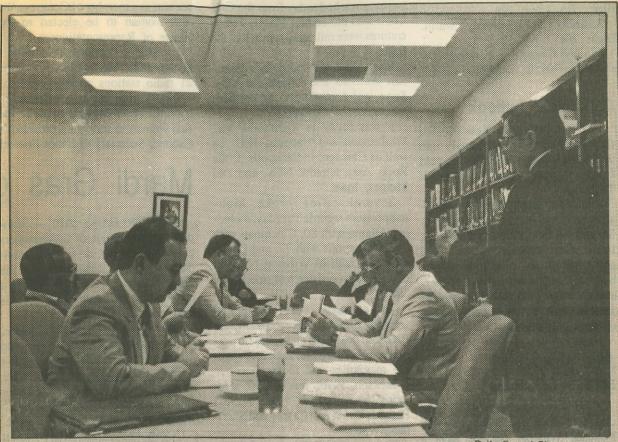
"If we put too much in here are we gonna bite off too much?" McClure warned.

Glen Coston, superintendent of Magnet Cove School District, said flexibility in the statement would be a good safety percaution.

"Five years down the road there may be a need in the community we need to meet," Coston said of potential changes.

Connie Roberts, the Henderson State University. program coordinator at OTC, said wording of the Northeast Iowa Community College mission statement fit particularly well with what OTC was trying to accomplish.

The mission statement needs to be approved before June 1. McClure said he anticipated having it settled in a matter of weeks.



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Clevenger (standing) plans as Sen. George Hopkins (left) listens.

## OTC mission statement awaits approval

By MARK BIVENS Staff Writer

Noon Tuesday, a cross section of community leaders and educators congregated at Ouachita Technical College to decide what director Earl Clevenger and OTC Board of Trustees Chairman George McClure Jr. have called the most important step the institution will make in its transition from vocational education to higher education. Two hours later the matter was accomplished, leaving only the formality of approval by the OTC academic board and the board of trustees.

That major step Clevenger and McClure referred to was establishing a mission plan. That mission statement will focus on what direction OTC will take as an educational facility and as a fixture in the community.

The mission statement proposed is one revised from a similar statement taken from Northeast Iowa Community College. It reads: "Ouachita Technical College, an institution of higher education, has the mission of responding to educational and human needs of the community with emphasis on quality vocational, technical, career option, college transfer, and continuing education."

The statement was tailor-made to suit OTC's needs. OTC requested mission statements from over 50 institutions of higher learning to consider possible

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# OTC board narrows presidential applicant

By MARK BIVENS Staff Writer

The name of the future president of Ouachita Technical College is on a list in the possession of the OTC board of trustees. That's a certainty.

Wednesday night, the board narrowed the list of 13 quarter-finalists applicants to five. Which of those five candidates will be named president isn't known. But this is the semi-final round and the wheels are in motion.

The board must submit the five candidates to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education for approval. From that list, the president

will be named. The board hopes to have the president named before the end of June.

"We plan on sending the five selected out of 13 to the state department of (higher) education," Dewey Stiles, chairman of the committee to hire a president, said following the executive session of the OTC board. "We plan on (sending the applications) today or tomorrow. After that we'll have interviews and select somebody."

Stiles said the names of the final five candidates couldn't be released until "background checks" were done. Those checks, he said, should take a couple of weeks. The full board

will make the final selection.

An advertisement in a nationally circulate magazine directed at colleges and univers ties two months ago began the search. The applications were submitted from almost ever state. Following the original process of elin ination, Stiles said the board began checking for qualifications and credentials. The original number of applicants numbered 105. Still said the list contained the names of colled deans and administrative officials at the televel of administration in community college.

The OTC six-year plan, following o month of review, was approved. The origin

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rkansas' Future Farmers at Camp Couthdale.

# OTC board hears committee reports

By MARK BIVENS Staff Writer

Receiving reports from the Ouachita Technical College Academic Committee and Foundation Committee, the OTC Board of Trustees found the direction both committees have taken is probably ahead of schedule.

In OTC's transition from a vocational-technical school to technical college, the committees' roles have been vital in shaping OTC in the transformation.

Jim Crownover, chairing the Academic Committee, echoed the feelings of the entire board. J. Louis

Moles, business instructor at OTC and in charge of adopting guidelines that will assure OTC meets the requirements mandated by the Department of Higher Education, outlined a faculty handbook to the board. Crownover, upon review of the faculty policies, student policies and course catalog Moles presented, was pleased.

"Basically I think we have three pretty good documents that could be ammended (if necessary) later," Crownover said, finalizing OTC committee and board meetings that

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river designation isn't crear.

"The first thing ") remember is, federal law supersede, state law," she said. "This is a state law concerning a federal project, so this does not nec-

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began at 11:30 a.m. and concluded at 7 p.m.

The board was unanimous in agreement concerning progress made during the day, especially progress in the Foundation Committee, where chairman Steve Faris had invited politi-

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State Rep. Jack McCoy painted the scenario as bluntly as anyone.

"If we don't make it as a technical college, we don't make it as a votech," McCoy said. "We've already burned our bridges behind us. There's no room for failure."

Acme Brick Co. has told OTC the donation of bricks and possible funding would be considered to assist in needed expansion.

Faris is a believer the strategy is working. Getting new ideas, and just as importantly, recruiting people capable of making an influence, is OTC's current course of action in obtaining a lot of money in a short period of time.



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# Community leaders consider fund-raising ideas for technical college

By MARK BIVENS Staff Writer

Judge John W. Cole was a popular man Wednesday morning. Cole envisions bringing ey could be raised. Lee Greenwood to the area. Or somebody as equally known as the country singer. But, Cole's vision didn't come drifting out of the twilight zone.

Ouachita Technical College has 13 months to raise \$250,000 to obtain that amount in rate. matching state funds to assist in the transition from vocational school to technical college. At class food," Cole said of the proposed event.

a Wednesday meeting, Cole and a list of area dignitaries and politicians were invited to brainstorm for ideas concerning how that mon-

Cole said if the committee to raise those funds could have 1,000 tickets printed, and sell them for \$250 each, that money would be in the bank. Cole said the event the tickets were intended for would obviously have to be first-

"We could have Lee Greenwood and first-

"We need to build this thing up to get the people in the right frame of mind."

Cole's idea was never deemed far-fetched. "I like your idea of hitting the big contrib-

utors first," OTC Board of Trustees Chair- event. man George McClure Jr. said.

Cole's approach was unanimously a hit together," Hopkins said. with the 20-plus in attendance. Steve Faris, chairman of the foundation fund-raising committee, said drastic measures such as the proposed show need to be taken.

to show the state we're serious," Faris admitted. "It'll help us get money in the future."

Sen. George Hopkins stressed the urgent option. need for measures to be taken to organize the

"We need to look at how to put this gala meeting."

Dewey Stiles, chairman of the committee or die. to hire a president, told the attendees OTC should have a president in position by July 1. to do the same," Clevenger said. "That's how The general agreement was clear. The means "We need to do this (fund-raising) in order for which to raise the \$250,000 needs to be Please see OTC, page 10

outlined before the president's arrival, thus making Cole's suggestion the most-likely

"We're so strapped for time, we need ideas," Faris said. "That's why we called this

Earl Clevenger, OTC director, said if's do

"If the foundation flops, the school's going

# Editorial

# Technical college investment in future

he work has just begun at Ouachita Technical College. A long road to accreditation still remains to be traveled.

Almost a year ago, Ouachita Vocational-Technical School joined 13 other vocational schools in becoming a technical college.

The name change was the easy part.
The steps to actually becoming a technical college are slowly, but surely, being overcome.

One of the most pressing steps facing the college's board of trustees is raising \$250,000. As part of the technical college agreement, the school must have \$500,000 in hand in one year.

State matching funds are available, if the college raises the \$250,000.

That is where community support comes in. If OTC is to grow to a technical college, it is going to take the support of Hot Spring County businesses, industries and individuals.

Plans have yet to be finalized concerning just how the \$250,000 is to be raised, but when they are finalized, it will be up to this community to open its pocketbooks and contribute generously.

OTC, if given the opportunity, can grow to be a shining light for Malvern and Hot Spring County. It can also serve as a magnet to highly technical industries, looking for skilled labor and training facilities.

Support for OTC is more than supporting higher education in our community. It is supporting the economic future of our community by investing in education and technology.

# Universities learn value of fund-raisers in top post

BY MARY JORDAN ©1992 The Washington Post

More than 300 colleges and universities, including Yale, Columbia, Chicago and Duke, are searching for a new president in a year of exceptional tumult for the top job in academia.

Accompanying the turnover is a re-examination of the job. its reduced role in society and its transformation into a position less for scholars and more for fund-raisers.

"The job has been powerfully diminished, and I think the nation is the loser," said Ernest L. Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and former chancellor of State University of New York.

"We need people who are able to interpret historically, ethically and socially the issues of the day," Boyer said "But because (college presidents) are under such pressure financially, it becomes risky to be prophetic. There is a hazard in offending."

In the last five years, the average term of a president of a public four-year institution has dropped from seven or eight years to three or four, according to a recent informal survey by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

There are no solid statistics on the change in tenure of private college leaders over time, but Richard F. Rosser, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, said the current average of six to seven vears is shorter than it used to

Ira Krinsky, a Pasadena, Calif., consultant who searches for college president candidates, said the changing of the guard in so many colleges is "a mirror image of what happened last year with big-city (school) superintendents," when virtually all major cities had openings.

"These are watershed times in education," Krinsky said. Two of the nation's most renowned universities, Harvard and Stanford, changed leaders last year.

the turnover?" asked James B. Appleberry, president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. "Because it hurts the ability to plan long-range" and, over time, hampers the ability of colleges to deliver the best possible education. For the first time in memory, Appleberry said, he now is often asked by college presidents about career paths following a presidency, a job that traditionally has been a "career ender."

The stress from budget cuts, rising government intervention, increasingly polarized boards of trustees and more demanding students, faculty and alumni, Appleberry said, has taken its toll. On the association's planning books is the need to discuss what it is calling "The Troubled Presi-

While faculty members and

deans traditionally have gone on to fill college presidencies. the recent turnover has "Why should we care about brought in more people of varying careers, particularly those from the business world.

> 'We need people who are able to interpret historically, ethically and socially the issues of the day. But because (college presidents) are under such pressure financially, it becomes risky to be prophetic. There is a hazard in offending.'

William F. Glavin, the new president of Babson College in Wellesley, Mass., for instance, took over the school from his position as vice chairman of Xerox Corp.

"I do not believe that academic institutions have got to be run by academics," Glavin said. "They need to be run like a business, more cost-effective and efficient."

Since the founding of Harvard, the nation's first university, in 1636, college presidents have held special authority, at first because they were often clergymen and later because they were learned leaders speaking out on social and civic issues.

But now, many educators say the changing duties of presidents and shrinking terms of office have contributed to their declining impact on issues beyond the college gates.

Harvard Prof. David Riesman, who wrote a book on college presidents, said "the changing constellation" of university leaders to ones more preoccupied with the financial vulnerability of the schools has left a void in U.S. society. "What we lose as a country are people with visible credibility and intelligence and integrity who can tell us things we don't want to hear, but need to hear."

Former University of Notre Dame president Theodore M.

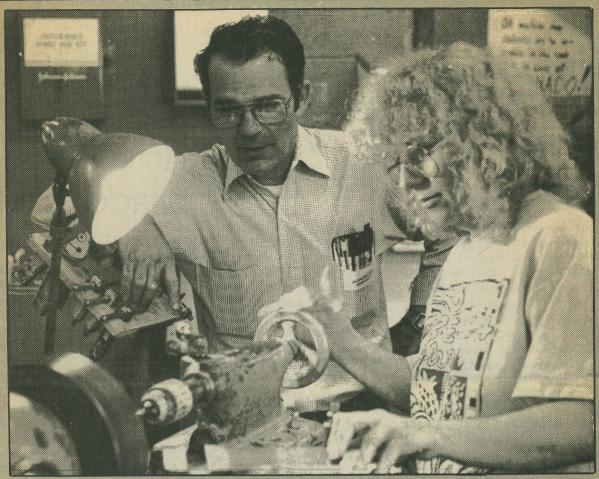
Hesburgh, a leading voice in the national debate on racism and urban issues in the 1960s, said a key reason the job has changed is the explosion in size and expense of universi-

When he took over Notre Dame in 1952 for a 35-year tenure, its annual budget was a few million dollars, he recalled. It now spends \$1 million a day.

Columbia's annual budget has hit \$1 billion. And when Yale President Benno Schmidt Jr. announced last month that he was resigning, his most often cited accomplishment was his ability to propel the school well on its way toward a goal of raising \$1.2 billion, much of which is to upgrade the buildings and facilities.

"Fund-raising has become the name of the game" Hesburgh said. "You can have the greatest vision in the world, but if you don't have money. you're up a creek."

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Ouachita Technical College is celebrating 20 years of existence this week and in today's Malvern Daily Record a special 12-page edition is included highlighting OTC. Here machine shop instructor Gary Garrison watches Shelly Moore of

Malvern operate a lath. Moore is qualified as a non-traditional student. For more information on non-traditional students and other OTC information, see today's special section.

## **Ouachita Technical College celebrates 20th**

By MARK BIVENS Staff Writer

Two decades of change have seen Ouachita Technical College bloom from its original capacity as a vocational school with slightly more than 300 students in 1972 to its present state, with nearly 1,000 students taking full-time, part-time, freshman college and sophomore college courses.

As the trend toward higher education sees the institution shifting from a trade school to a more versatile institution, offering courses ranging from auto mechanics to food service to college algebra and English, the momentum continues. OTC is growing at a rate that is predicted to soon require additional space and classrooms.

OTC director Earl Clevenger predicted a growth rate of 20 to 25 percent per year as the college takes on more and more area students seeking college credit to trans-

fer to four year institutions. Clevenger said the combination of offering local students educational opportunities teamed with the stimulation offered to the area economy makes OTC's potential "unlimited."

With 38 acres of ground on the campus, room for expansion won't be a problems for years to come and plans are already being made for internal improvements to the facilities.

In today's Malvern Daily Record, a 12-page special section will be inserted to highlight the many changes and improvements at OTC as its 20th anniversary arrives. Those 20 years have witnessed area students improve their education to meet the standards of today's job market and in addition, it has been 20 years of adding to the area economy and upgrading the educational quality of Hot Spring County and the surrounding area.



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#### OTC celebrates 20 years

Members of the Malvern Chamber of Commerce helped open Ouachita Technical College's 20 year celebration Tuesday morning with a ribbon cutting. The school's enrollment has increased from

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Among those would be considering whether that individual would be suitable for the environment. McClure said someone accustomed to New York City might not be happy in a rural setting. Any potential candidates for the position would need to be told in advance about the area.

Those in attendance generally agreed the setting in the Malvern area would be a plus, not a negative, in luring a president to the area.

"There are a lot of people looking to get in this type of area to get out of the hustle and bustle," Malvern Mayor Bill Scrimshire said.

The requirements for a president were distributed in Wednesday's meeting. The president must meet 11 requirements. Those are:

1. Commitment to the concept of a comprehensive Technical College, having experience with the accreditation process, with recent senior-level administrative experience.

2. An earned doctorate from a recognized university. (In unusual situations, at least five years of training and experience in a community/technical college may be accepted in lieu of an earned doctorate.)

3. Effectiveness at working with state and local governments, business/industry, labor, local school districts, the community at large, and other related organizations.

4. Demonstrated ability to direct foundation work and local fundraising activities.

5. Strong leadership qualities and ability to make solid decisions, furthering a common sense of purpose throughout the college.

6. Skills in fiscal management, budgeting, and facilities development, and experience in administrative management, with the ability to work with a policy-making board.

7. Demonstrated ability to change and meet new markets and technologies.

8. Ability to communicate effectively with diverse groups within and without the college community.

9. Experience with a comprehensive community/technical college.

10. Commitment to equal opportunity and affirmative action.

11. Willingness to live in a typical small-town, southern, rural environment in a community with less than 10,000 population.

# 2 Consumer Review, Wednesday, July 1,1992 UTPA receives extra funding from Bush

By BOB ALLEN Staff Writer

Malvern and Hot Spring County may be getting even more young workers from the Job Training Partnership Act, thanks to the emergency urban aid package signed by President George Bush Monday, according to JTPA Director William Skains.

According to Malvern Mayor Bill Scrimshire, the eight members of the city's cleanup crew, whose salaries are paid by the JTPA, have been invaluable in getting ready for Brickfest

According to Skains, much of the \$500 million aid package went to help fix Chicago's sewers and to help Los Angeles pick up the pieces after rioting that broke out in the wake of the Rodney King beating verdict. After that, \$100 million went to the 75 largest cities in the nation, none of which are in Arkansas. What was left over was divided up among the states.

Arkansas got \$4,851,719, Skains said, which was divided up among local planning and development district. The West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District, which includes Hot Spring County, got \$506,471. It was badly needed.

"Last year," Skains said, "I had \$1.2 million available for our programs. This year it was \$858,000."

The drop, Skains explained, came because Arkansas' economy, believe t or not, has not suffered quite as drastically as economies in the rest of the country. "Arkansas' economy tends to lag a year or so behind," Skains said.

Federal dollars for youth programs like those operated by the JTPA are allocated on the basis of unemployment. Although Arkansas unemployment rates are bad, they have not undergone the huge increases seen elsewhere. Therefore, Skains said, when unemployment rates in large cities all over the country jumped last year, "the gap closed." The result was fewer dollars for Arkansas.

Now, however, Congress has found a way to come to the rescue, Skains said. The new money, even though it comes at the halfway point of the JTPA summer programs, will help out a lot.

"We're going to add maybe 150 kids," he said. "We have that many on waiting lists. It may even end up being as many as 175 or 200 kids. And we're going to extend the program two weeks, from July 17 to July 31. We're considering increasing their hours from 32 to 40 a week, although we might back off of that. The kids do like to have that extra day to spend the money they're making."

The extra workers will be divided among the 10 counties served by the WCAPDD, Skains said. Most of them will go into the clerical and beautification jobs. JTPA also operates the Youth Tutoring Youth Program and the Youth Opportunities Unlimited Program, but both are too far along to benefit much from the influx of funds.

According to Ravonna Walker of the local JTPA office, Hot Spring County employs about 40 of the workers, 24 of whom work in the Malvern area.





# Editorial

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