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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 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 matching state funds to assist in the transition from vocational school to technical college. At

a Wednesday meeting, Cole and a list of area dignitaries and politicians were invited to brainstorm for ideas concerning how that money could be raised.

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-rate.

"We could have Lee Greenwood and first-class food," Cole said of the proposed event.

"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 contributors first," OTC Board of Trustees Chairman George McClure Jr. said.

Cole's approach was unanimously a hit 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.

"We need to do this (fund-raising) in order

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

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

"We need to look at how to put this gala together," Hopkins said.

Dewey Stiles, chairman of the committee to hire a president, told the attendees OTC should have a president in position by July 1. The general agreement was clear. The means for which to raise the \$250,000 needs to be

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

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

Earl Clevenger, OTC director, said it's do or die.

"If the foundation flops, the school's going to do the same," Clevenger said. "That's how

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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-

cians and dignitaries to join OTC in the struggle to raise money for matching funds. The board approved by unanimous vote to allow the Foundation Committee to pursue avenues deemed the most productive in raising the needed funds.

The board also approved a \$500 payment to North Central, an evaluation team assisting OTC in meeting Department of Higher Education requirements.

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critical it is."

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.

'Pomp and Circumstance'



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James Womble helps his aunt, Sherry Womble, adjust her ceremonial garb Friday evening before the Ouachita Technical College graduation procession at Malvern High School. Both Wombles were members of the first class to graduate from OTC since it changed from

a vocational-technical school to a technical college on July 1, 1991. According to Hugh Looney, OTC Supervisor of Instruction, there were 187 graduates Friday evening, including 100 regular college graduates and 87 General Equivalency Diploma (GED) graduates.

Demand exceeds facilities for Ouachita Technical College nursing program

By MARK BIVENS
Staff Writer

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Ouachita Technical College business manager Bob Jones doesn't know if nursing programs are popular statewide, but he knows one thing, they're popular at OTC.

During Monday night's OTC board of trustees meeting, the spotlight touched on the popularity of the program. Presently, only the most elite students qualify for the OTC nursing course.

OTC counselor Vaughn Kesterson said approximately 170 applications have been screened for the licensed practical nursing (LPN) program this year. Of the 170, 50 students making the top grades in the screening procedure will be interviewed and considered for enrollment. Only 18 of those will be placed in the class. The reason for that is simple. There isn't enough space to consider more students and there aren't enough instructors. Jones said those matters are getting immediate attention.

A 5,000 square-foot building on campus, formerly housing a building trades class, is being converted to classrooms for the nursing program. That building would contain two large classrooms. But Jones admits it isn't as simple as just making a decision to build.

OTC presently has about \$13,900 in reserve that could be used for the renovation. Jones said when a building contractor was approached con-

cerning the construction, Jones told the contractor the amount of money OTC had for the project. The contractor laughed.

"He said that (\$13,900) wouldn't start it," Jones said. "He said we'd need \$30,000 to \$60,000 to do what we needed to do."

Jones said that pricetag realistically eliminated the thought of having the additional space for the nursing program in time for next year.

Jones hopes for financial assistance through the Workplace Excellence Act 52 of 1992, sponsored by state Senator George Hopkins. Jones said that could happen within 60 days. Jones figured if that money came through in 30 days, the space could be used for next year's classes, to begin in August, but admitted that was probably being overly optimistic.

With the additional classroom space and one additional instructor, the nursing program would be increased from 18 students to 30. The secondary high school health occupation class would add another 30 students.

Once the building is complete and another instructor hired, the problem will still exist concerning the ratio of potential students applying for the nursing program and students accepted to the class. Jones said number of applicants is 150, and being capable of accepting only 30 wasn't ideal, but it was better than only accepting 18.



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Vaughn Kesterson (left) inspects rennovation being made to house nursing program.

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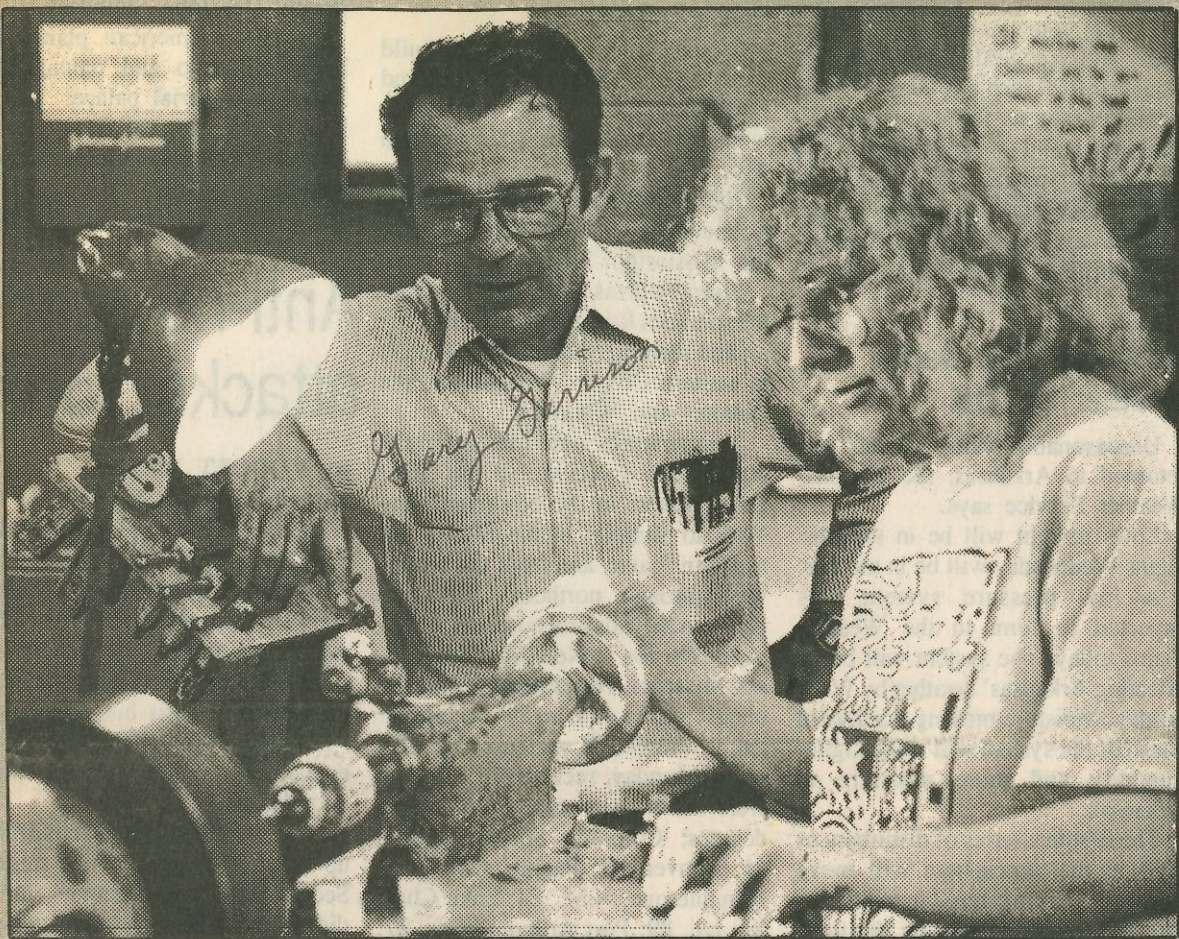
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Ouachita Technical College is celebrating 20 years of existence this week and in today's *Malvern Daily Record* a special 12-page edition is included highlighting OTC. Here machine shop instructor Gary Garrison watches Shelly Moore of

Malvern operate a lathe. 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.

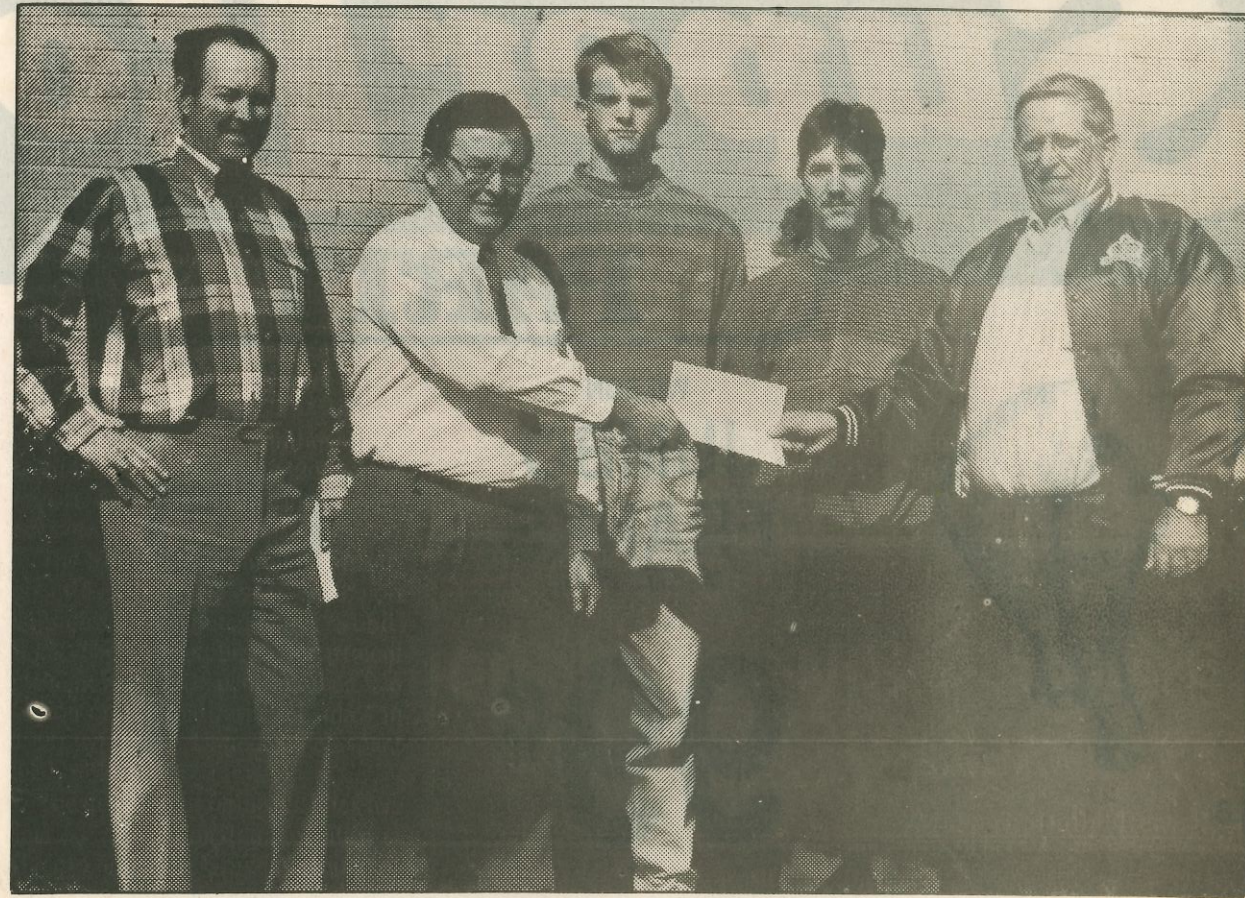
OTC director Earl Clevenger predicted a growth rate of 20 to 25 percent per year as the college takes on more and more area students seeking college credit to trans-

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 problem 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.

BUSINESS



Amoco donates scholarship funds

Vaughn Kesterson and Earl Clevenger, of Ouachita Technical College, stand with students Richard Jason Henthorne and David Buie to accept a \$500 scholarship check from Al Rogge, plant manager of Amoco Foam Products. Henthorne is pursuing a

degree in Automotive Technology, while Buie is in Industrial Electronics. The scholarship money has been donated annually by Amoco for several years, Rogge said.



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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

slightly more than 300 students in 1972 to its present enrollment of nearly 1,000 students taking full-time, part-time, freshman college and sophomore college courses.

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College Algebra	M-TH	5:30 - 7:40 pm
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American Nat. Gov.	M-TH	5:30-7:40 pm
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College trustees search for new sources of revenue

■ Tuition increase considered

By MARK BIVENS
Staff Writer

Raising money and ways to achieve that goal were front-line topics in Wednesday night's Ouachita Technical College Finance Committee meeting.

One way the committee concluded the school could gather additional finances was to increase tuition costs

from the present \$20 per semester hour to \$25 per semester hour. That could raise an additional \$22,000 per year, OTC finance administrator Bob Jones told the committee.

Other figures were tossed around. Jones said an increase to \$30 per semester hour would reap an additional \$44,000 per year. Earl Clevenger, president of OTC, warned that increasing the tuition too much could find the school losing students.

Finance Committee chairman Steve Faris expressed his feelings the board should consider the \$5 per hour increase.

"If you go up \$5, that's \$300 per semester — that's just \$60," Clevenger said.

"Still, that's an incredibly good deal," George McClure Jr. assured.

Dewey Stiles made a motion to recommend the \$5 increase to the full board during their next meeting Feb. 12. The motion was carried.

Clevenger said he'd need to know the tuition fee by early May.

Clevenger told the board that most schools have non-profit foundations to help raise money for the schools to assist with financing to construct buildings and purchase equipment. Any donation can be matched by the state up to \$250,000.

"People that donate need to know what the money is used for," McClure said. "We definitely need some avenue (that if) someone

wanted to donate money they could do it. (OTC) Could name a building after them."

Tuition reimbursement for OTC faculty members that have taken college classes was a subject the committee agreed should be taken care of by sending a formal request to the Department of Higher Education to pay for the tuitions. Three OTC instructors have taken classes with the total tuition \$1,248.

Clevenger told the committee that if OTC faculty members took college courses to improve their ability to teach, the understanding was that those faculty members would be reimbursed if the course was completed with a passing grade.

"The purpose was to encourage people to get more education," Clevenger said of the reimbursement policy. "We want our teachers to get that Associate of Applied Science (degree). It helps us for them to get those credentials. What I would like to do is continue to encourage our faculty to continue to get degrees."

Faculty members must pay for the tuition, but in the past have been reimbursed after completing the course or courses.

McClure suggested making a formal request from the Department of Higher Education to make the reimbursements. Faris recommended that

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Clevenger outline in the formal request the Department of Higher Education had promised the money and suggest in the letter OTC be given a time frame for reimbursement.

OTC's financial situation for the High School Center ended with a clear objective — more students are needed. Plans to discuss increasing revenues with area high school superintendents through additional stu-

dents is the course the committee agreed was the most feasible. The high schools pay OTC \$167 per student per year.

Bob Brock, a welding instructor at OTC, said the high school center is an asset and instructors would begin immediately working on ways to reduce operating expenses.

McClure told Brock that problems needed to be worked out, but there was no question about the need for the High School Center.

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OTC needs community funding to advance

By MARK BIVENS
Staff Writer

Dr. John McKay, of the Department of Higher Education, didn't mince words in his closing statement to the Ouachita Technical College board of trustees last night.

"I think for you to ever become what you want to become, to ever build what you need, in my opinion, you're gonna have to have some local money," McKay said in closing his one-hour plus address to the board. "As Connie (Roberts, of OTC's Henderson State University program) said, 'if you build it, they will come.'"

McKay said for OTC to live up to its potential, the winning ingredient would be financing. Matching grant money is available to each technical college, McKay said, that could equal money OTC raised dollar-for-dollar up to \$250,000, which could mean a \$500,000 total. But McKay said some aspects of financing are "still up in the air," such as accreditation funds, where no specific amounts have been established for each college.

Board chairman George McClure Jr. asked McKay if it were possible for a technical college to pass mileage for additional financing. McClure

was told that might be possible but the certainty of it was again, "still up in the air."

McKay told the board OTC has shown more incentive, drive and organization than most institutions in the transition from vocational school to technical college. The board gave an example of that last night, covering an agenda that was nearing the four-hour mark.

State senator George Hopkins told the board the Center for Workplace Excellence, Act 52 of 1992 by Hopkins, was simple in its intent.

"We want to make our workers some of the best possible," Hopkins said. "ROHR (Industries of Arkadelphia, which manufactures aircraft components) is interested in workers for hi-tech. It's not just for ROHR, it's (Center for Workplace Excellence) for any industry."

The program, which assists industry in educating and training workers for the workplace, is formulating goals, which Hopkins said the DHE should have established in 60 days.

Roberts said OTC's Henderson enrollment could be an untapped resource, but to take advantage of that potential, more classroom space was needed as soon as possible. Presently

the program is serving freshman and sophomore courses to 170 individuals.

"We can't project this (potential increase) because we have such limited space," Roberts said. "We can't recruit with limited space. We've got to have space. We need money, money, money. I think we have an untapped source. We could more than double what we have now if we had additional space and I think we could fill it."

The board elected to reconsider options on obtaining building space off-campus in a future meeting.

Vaughn Kesterson, counselor at OTC, told the board 170 applicants had been received for the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program. Of that, the 50 top scores in a screening process would be interviewed. Only 18 would be admitted to the class. Kesterson said the program drew more response than any other at OTC, but the present situation could accommodate only 18. That, he said, could be expanded to 30 with additional staff.

Hugh Looney, OTC supervisor of instructions, praised the success of the satellite programs, which has helped bring OTC's total enrollment to 1,390.

"We're going great guns on GED,"

Looney said.

J. Louis Moles, head of the OTC steering committee to meet North Central accreditation, said he "felt pretty good" about GIR (General Institute Requirements) and anticipated having a report ready in two weeks.

Brenda Williams, JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) director, said the prospects were positive for receiving grant funds for operations in the coming year.

Dewey Stiles, chair of the committee to hire a president at OTC, said applications from almost every state had been received, which included a "number of deans at the top level of community colleges" and one current community college president.

"We find these people move quite often for several reasons," Stiles said of the applicants.

Stiles said the original number of 105 applicants has been "reduced considerably." Stiles estimated within the time frame of two weeks, applicants would be sent to the department of Higher Education for approval. The OTC board will make the final selection. A desire to have a president hired this summer has been a topic for several months.

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Search for police chief narrows; courses delayed

By DELEISA BAILEY
Editor

The city of Malvern is four applicants closer to having a new police chief, according to Malvern Mayor Bill Scrimshire.

Scrimshire told members of the Malvern City Council Personnel Committee that the Civil Service Commission had screened the more than 20 applications and had requested interviews with four of the applicants.

Those applicants will come to Malvern in the near future from Los Angeles, Phoenix, Ariz., Boca Raton, Fla., and Little Rock, to be interviewed by the Civil Service Commission.

The topic of a new chief came up in discussion of proposed law enforcement courses which would be offered to Malvern police officers.

The CSC is charged with the duty of hiring a new chief for the city. The city council's role is limited to approving the salary. Scrimshire suggested the council give the CSC a

high and low range to work within.

"I'll tell you a role we should insist on," Scrimshire said, "we want this person to be a Malvernite. I'm not saying he has to live in Royal Oaks, but he needs to live pretty close to downtown."

The courses would be offered through the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Participation by officers would be voluntary, but those officer who do participate would be paid for their in-class time, Scrimshire said.

The courses would cost the city \$5,500 to the instructors expenses. Scrimshire said he was trying to get a count on how many officers would attend the classes. "If you are going to have three people there, that is not a very good use of your money," he said.

Courses could begin as early as May 6, Scrimshire said, or the committee could decide to postpone the courses until a new chief is hired and seek his input on the issue.

It was the consensus of the committee. Please see **CHIEF**, page 12

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The board elected to review OTC director Earl Clevenger's six-year plan and consider it at a future meeting.

OTC business manager Bob Jones will present the board a financial

report Wednesday.

McClure told the board at the conclusion of the meeting that raising local money through donations was not an impossibility, citing a Fort Smith school's recent success in soliciting money, where in excess of \$5 million was raised.

"The money is out there," McClure said.

Technical college graduation slated Friday

By the Daily Record Staff

Ouachita Technical will hold its annual graduation ceremonies Friday, May 1, at 7 p.m. in the Malvern High School auditorium.

The college will graduate 94 students from specialized programs and 77 students will earn their general education diplomas during the ceremonies.

Seventh Judicial District Circuit Judge John W. Cole will present the keynote address.

Earl Clevenger, OTC director, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Graduates area as follows:

Air conditioning and refrigeration: Grover Abbott, Allen Bray, Don Brown, Michael Brown, Travis B. Buck, Lance Burks, Mark Clifton, Gary Draper, Brian T. Edwards, Fly-

nn Kettell, Tony Kidder, Michael Kosienski, Aubrey Laster, Roger Mayberry, Billy M. Robbins, Tyrone Tatum, James Walker, Randy Ware, John M. White, Willie Wright.

Automotive Service Technology: Robert Bradshaw, Steve Brotherton, Nathan Floyd, Brady Gray, Bryan Shephard, Randy Smith, Brent Walker.

Business Data Processing: Valorie J. Bell, Connie Brown, Malinda Clark, Christina Jill Cooper, Teresa Lynne Crouse, Janet Lynn Davis, Rebecca Ann Finley, Paul Goza, Sabra Ranette Hazelwood, Cynthia Ann Jones, William L. Matthews, Becky Mitchell, Tonya Nolan, Patricia H. Peirini, Carla Camille Rowland, Aaronda Simpson, Carrie Weems, Deborah T. Whatley, Dana

Annn Winkle.

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Diesel Service Technology: David Harrison, Gregory Lacefield, Ricky R. Tucker, Chad Williams.

Industrial Electronics: Dean Bosley, Lavern Dyer, Jeff McJunkins, Ray McJunkins, Michelle Ramsey, Chris Roys, Stephen Satterwhite, Kevin Spurlin.

Industrial Equipment Maintenance: David Buie.

Food Service Technology: Bever-

ly Burks-2nd year, Michael Burks, Malinda Booker, Elverta Curry, Byron Forte, Etheree Guin, Janice Moss, Shelia Populis.

Machine Shop Technology: Tim Brewer, Richard Allen Cornish, David F. Heindl, Raymond H. Kitchens, Bruce D. Roberson, James E. Spears, Jeffery Speer.

Welding: Kenneth Gage, David Harper, Owen Jones-Pipe Welding, James Lynch, Clyde Smith-Pipe Welding.

GED Graduates: Claudia Applegarth, Geln Alan Bailey, Antonio Balderas, Jennifer Balding, Ivan Barker Sr., Marcus Beahchamp, Frieda Beck, Donna Biladeau, Melody Bowler, Dora Branstetter, Nicklas Bray,

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Presidential search narrows to 13 applicants at OTC

By MARK BIVENS
Staff Writer

Right on schedule is how Dewey Stiles termed Ouachita Technical College's search for a president. Stiles, the head of a committee of OTC board of trustee members to hire a president, said the number of applications still in contention for the position was narrowed to 13 last night in a special board meeting. Last week the number had been reduced to 35. The original number of applicants was 105.

The applicants for the position of president were received following OTC's advertisement in *The Chronicle*, a nationally circulated maga-

zine targeted at faculties of colleges and universities. Stiles said many applications had been received from almost every state. Those applicants received included a number of deans and one community college president.

Stiles said the target date to hire a president is June and that looks realistic at this time.

"We're still hoping for June," Stiles said of the timetable to hire a president. "We feel like we should have a president on board as soon as possible so he'll be in the transition (from a vocational education school to a college) too."

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Public meeting

MALVERN — The Hot Spring County Solid Waste Authority will meet Thursday, Jan. 9, at 7 p.m. in the county courthouse.

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HOT SPRINGS — The Internal Revenue Service is sponsoring classes for those who wish to vol-

Ouachita Tech prepares for North Central evaluation

By MARK BIVENS
Staff Writer

Jan. 22 is not a deadline of any type for Ouachita Technical College. OTC administrator Earl Clevenger termed it a preliminary. A team will tour the facilities on that date, Clevenger said, in a span of approximately 30 minutes, and give recommendations the school will use to meet the standards of higher education required when the North Central evaluation team tours the facilities at a later date.

"The (Jan. 22) visit from the team will simu-

late the North Central team (tour) to show what we might correct," Clevenger told the OTC Board of Trustees at Tuesday's meeting. "They will advise us on our status. These are people who have served on the North Central team and will serve as consultants."

Board member Dewey Stiles asked openly if the vocational technical aspect of the school would continue after the school met the requirements and made the transition to higher education standards. Stiles told the board he'd asked that question before without getting an answer. Mary Beth Sudduth, an attorney for

higher education, said the vo-tech aspect was included in the changeover and would continue.

Clevenger told the board that security on the campus had been a problem at times and offered a possible solution the board might consider. Clevenger said a house trailer already located on the campus could serve as living quarters for an individual, which would in some respects give OTC what Clevenger called "a night watchman for free."

Clevenger and OTC finance director Bob Jones said prowlers had been a problem, most-

ly late at night and early in the morning. Some prowlers, they said, had been seen on the roof of the school. Last summer, in the neighborhood of \$7,000 to \$8,000 worth of equipment had been stolen from the school. Having someone living on the premises might help security, Clevenger and Jones said. A night watchman is presently employed at the school, but there are 35 acres on the campus and Clevenger said a permanent resident might offer additional benefits.

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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 vo-tech 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.