

20th Anniversary Celebration

President of the North Carolina Community College System Bob Scott will be the keynote speaker at the opening ceremonies of Richmond Technical College's Twentieth Anniversary Celebration at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 5.



Governor Bob Scott and RTC Student Government Association President Darryl Shortt.



Serving

Richmond & Scotland

Counties For 20 Years

Open House, April 5

Richmond Technical College was chartered twenty years ago on April 2, 1964. Since then the college has grown to include 23 technical and vocational curricula, an average of 1000 students, 98 employees, three buildings on the main campus, and annex buildings in Hamlet and Laurinburg. It's been a long haul from holding classes after 4 p.m. at what is now Rockingham Junior High School and similar locations.

To celebrate the achievements of the last two decades, RTC will have a four-day Open House beginning Thursday, April 5, at 2 p.m. with opening ceremonies highlighted by keynote speaker Governor Bob Scott who is president of the N.C. Community College System. The Open House runs until 6

p.m. every night through Sunday, April 8.

The Open House includes displays from RTC, 30 local businesses and industries, and many craftspeople. Live entertainment by local groups ranging from rock bands NITRO and WARHEAD to the Richmond High School Chorus and Topper the Clown. The majority of the entertainment will be held on Saturday and Sunday. The Student Government Association and other groups will be selling hotdogs, soft drinks, and bar-b-que.

Displays provided by RTC will include demonstrations of the CAD and CAM systems of computer aided drafting and machining; the HERO 1 robot; word processors; and computers. If energy efficiency in the home is of interest to

you, visit the display by the Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration curriculum. Worried about burglars? Check the Electronics Engineering Technology curriculum display. If you want your blood pressure checked, our nursing students will be here to take care of that, too.

Among the crafts displayed will be baskets, wood carvings, corn shuck wreaths, stenciled crafts, and soft sculptured dolls. Among the 30 industries with displays will be Clark Equipment Company, J.P. Stevens, and Dana Corporation. Many companies in the two county area will also provide door prizes which will be awarded during the celebration.

Make our 20th Anniversary Celebration a major part of your spring fun!

Spring

Fever

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Quality Assurance

When a shopper buys a new appliance for his home, he wants to know for sure that his new product is in good working order and that it has passed inspection.

Schools and colleges also go through inspections. When a college passes a thorough and complete inspection by a group of educators from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, then that college is said to be ACCREDITED. Richmond Technical College won full accreditation in 1969, was reaccredited in 1973 and 1983.

By attending an accredited college, a student can be assured the courses he has

taken will be recognized by another accredited college should he desire to transfer. Also, financial aid to students through such governmental programs as the Veterans' Benefits and the Pell Grant is not available at unaccredited colleges.

In addition to accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Richmond Technical College is also accredited by the N.C. State Board of Nursing.

All of us who work at Richmond Technical College are proud that we have been "checked out" and labeled "A-OK."

New Logo & Colors

Richmond Technical College's twentieth anniversary marks the beginning of a new image for the college. The school colors have been

changed to maroon and grey and the new logo reflects the "hi-tech" look of today.

Logo designer Sammy Reep, a native of Rock-

ingham and a student at UNCH, feels his design represents the technical, vocational, and continuing education areas of Richmond Technical College.



"10 Most Difficult-To-Fill Occupations"

RTC offers either curriculum or continuing education classes in nine of the following job fields listed by the N.C. Employment Security Commissions as the "10 Most Difficult-To-Fill Occupations in North Carolina."

OCCUPATIONS	RTC OFFERS
Sewing-machine Operator	✓
Clerk-Typist	✓
Maintenance Mechanic	✓
Secretary (incl. legal and medical)	✓
Registered Nurse	✓
Machinist	✓
Stenographer	
Electronics Technician	✓
Electronics Mechanic/Repairer	✓
Automobile Mechanic (incl. foreign car mechanic)	✓

This list is from the 1983-84 Career Choices published by the ESC.

FREE!

FREE! RTC's 20th Anniversary Celebration and Open House.

Thursday, April 5--2-6 p.m.; Friday, April 6--9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, April 7--10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday--1-6 p.m.

Apply Now, Fall Classes!

Registration for Spring Quarter Continuing Education classes is the week of April 9. Check your mail and local papers for course listings.

RTC Offers

Classes At

Scotland High

Richmond Tech offers curriculum classes in Accounting, Business Administration, and General Office Technical Specialty on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Scotland High School. For more information contact RTC Scotland County Coordinator Pat Ellis at 276-4619.

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE CURRICULA (TWO YEARS)

Accounting**
Associate Degree Nursing*
Business Administration**
Business Computer Programming**
Criminal Justice**
Electronics Engineering Technology*
Executive Secretary*
General Education**
General Office**
Mechanical Drafting and Design Technology**

VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA CURRICULA (ONE YEAR)

Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration**
Architectural Drafting*
Automotive Mechanics**
Carpentry and Cabinetmaking*
Electrical Installation and Maintenance***
Electronics Servicing*
General Office Technical Specialty**
Industrial Maintenance***
Machinist*
Masonry*
Practical Nursing*
Vending Machine Maintenance*
Welding**

*Day Only

**Day or Night

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Wide Variety Of Career Choices Available

Richmond Technical College offers twenty-three technical and vocational curricula that prepare graduates for entry level positions in business, construction, electronics, health, mechanical,

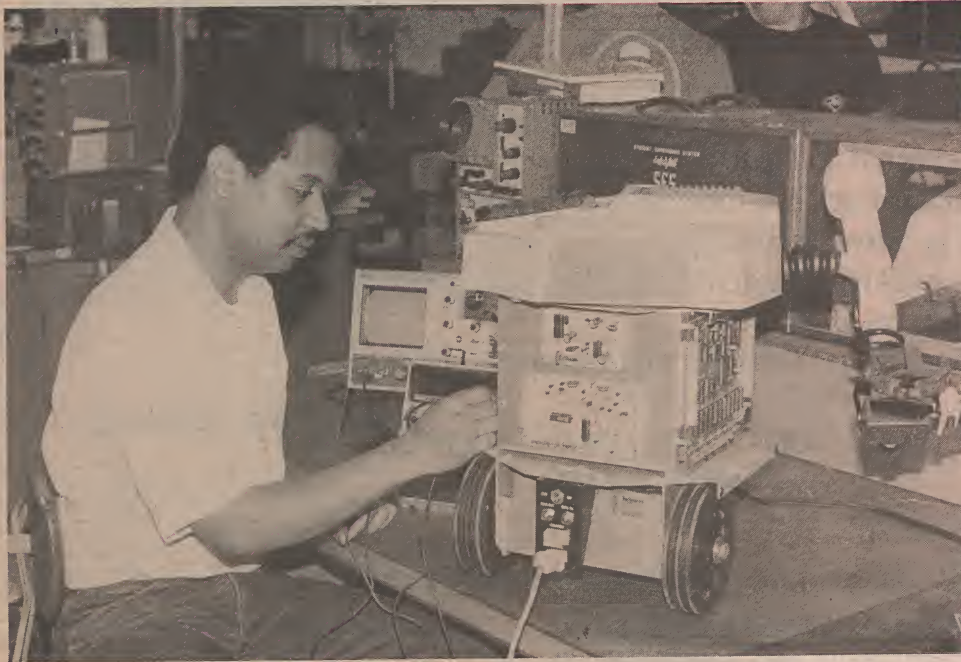
automotive, and public service centers. Graduates of the General Education curriculum, as well as graduates of all technical curricula, may continue their education by pursuing a bachelor's

degree at one of the many four-year colleges and universities accepting associate degrees.

Since many RTC students hold full-time jobs, they need to attend college at night.

RTC offers classes in thirteen curricula four nights a week at the RTC campus and offers classes in three curricula twice a week at Scotland High School in Laurinburg.

New Equipment At RTC



HERO 1 Robot

Students at Richmond Tech have the advantage of getting plenty of "hands-on" experience in working with equipment. Recent purchases of new machinery have updated many curricula, thus giving graduates a competitive edge in the job market.

"Robots are a big part of the future of all major industries," says Electronics Servicing instructor Mike Rankin. "Our new HERO 1 Robot helps train the student in digital servicing. HERO's on-board computer gives the student the chance to design his own program, enter it into HERO's microprocessor, and then see the final results as the robot goes through the programmed movements and speech."

CAD Brings Greater Opportunity

"RTC is now receiving components of its new CAD (computer aided drafting) system. Computer aided design and drafting is a fast growing development in industry," says Architectural Drafting instructor Bill Billingsley. "It is now a necessary part of drafting training in schools. This equipment will be used by Architectural Drafting and Mechanical Drafting and

Design Technology students beginning in the summer quarter."

"The computer revolution has caused dramatic changes in both industry and education. Industry will look to educational institutions such as RTC to supply graduates trained in the new methods. Students with CAD training will have much greater opportunities than those students without it."

CAM System Added

Computers are becoming a part of every facet of life. Machinist instructor John McLean has recently received a CAM system for his curriculum.

"Computer aided machining (CAM) is changing the way we remove metal from a raw material to produce a

useful machine part of a part for a consumer product. A computer programmer can take a small amount of information and expand it into a complete set of instructions to feed into a computer operated machine which then controls and monitors the path of a cutting tool to make a finished

part."

"This revolution is changing the training needs for a person who earns his living in a metal working plant. It also makes complex shapes easier and less costly to make, therefore freeing the design engineer to develop more useful products."

Microcomputers On Display At Open House

Students in many curricula are being introduced to microcomputers. Students in physics are learning to use them to create graphs. Secretarial students are learning to use them as word processors. Soon, Accounting

students will learn that posting transactions and compiling reports will be faster and easier than ever before. To see demonstrations of the above equipment, join us at RTC's Open House April 5-8.

New Automotive Equipment

Automotive mechanics instructor Royce Stutts is pleased with the new equipment in his curriculum.

"Our Sun Computerized Diagnostic Tune-up machine will give a computer printout on the operation of an engine. It will give information regarding how much voltage it takes to fire each spark plug and what the timing is in degrees. We also have a new Sleuth 1 machine which is simply a scope-type, tune-up tester. A pattern on a screen, similar to a heartbeat, shows whether you are having trouble with a coil, condenser, diode, or circuit."



RTC Office Of Student Development Provides Many Services To Students

Richmond Technical College students look to the Office of Student Development for career guidance, financial aid assistance, and job placement. Our professionally trained staff strive to meet students' needs by working with them on an individual basis and by providing workshops in areas such as writing resumes and applying for financial aid.

Recognizing the uniqueness of every student RTC counselors are prepared to assist students with every phase of their lives. Students receive help with everything from personal problems or registering for a class to deciding upon a course of study.

Though tuition at RTC is low, many students look to the Financial Aid Office to help ease the financial burden. Numerous types of aid are available to qualified students. A student must be eligible to receive financial aid from Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, College Work-study, guaranteed student loans, and scholarships. Students who anticipate a need for financial assistance should begin the application process at the time he applies for admission or as soon after January 1 as the necessary forms are available.

Students completing RTC, and former graduates, can use the Placement Office to help them locate employment. The Placement Officer provides workshops on how to write resumes and how to pre-



RTC student Daisy Jennings receives help with a class schedule from counselor Gerry Melton.

sent oneself in a positive manner in a job interview. Students' resumes are kept on file in the Office of Student Development and will be sent to prospective employers upon request. Students are notified of job opportunities and receive help in arranging job interviews. A number of companies visit the RTC campus to recruit graduates.

Personal and social development is as important a part of education as academic development. To encourage social development, RTC offers a variety of student activities including clubs, organizations, and special events. Dances and other activities such as Ice Cream Busts, cookouts, and a field day are sponsored by the

Student Government Association for the enjoyment of all RTC students.

In addition to an active Student Government Association, RTC has a student newspaper, a literary magazine, and an annual which are all student publications. Students also have an opportunity to join several clubs and organizations: The

Afro-American Club, the Annual Staff, the Bible Club, the Criminal Justice Club, the Data Processing Club, Gamma Beta Phi, the LPN Club, the Student Nurses Association, the Business Club, and the Veteran's Club.

For more information on services available to students, contact the Office of Student Development.

TUITION

North Carolina Residents	Tuition Per Quarter	Activity Fee Per Quarter	Total Cost Per Quarter
Full-time student (12 or more credit hours)	\$51.00	\$6.00	\$57.00
Part-time student (less than 12 credit hours)	\$4.25 (per credit hour)	\$3.00	\$15.75 (3 credit hours)
Non-Residents			
Full-time student	\$255.00	\$6.00	\$261.00
Part-time student	\$21.25 (per credit hour)	\$3.00	\$66.75 (3 credit hours)

Books can be purchased at the book store during registration. The cost of books generally ranges from \$50 to \$80 per quarter.

(Tuition is set by the N.C. State Board of Community Colleges and is subject to change without notice. No tuition is charged for residents 65 and older.)

Be Someone Special

We've made enrolling easier for "special students" who just want to take one class in computers or business. You can now enroll as a "special student" and take up to fifteen credit hours without having to meet the entrance requirements of admission testing and providing transcripts. For more information about becoming a "special student", call the RTC Office of Student Development.

RTC Continuing Education Classes Fullfill Many Needs



Photo by Jim Chavis

Fire Service Training

The Continuing Education Department at Richmond Technical College is at the forefront of meeting the diverse needs of Richmond and Scotland County citizens, businesses, and industries. Last year alone, over 7,000 individuals enrolled in Continuing Education classes. Classes included new and expanding industry training, in-plant training, adult education, self-improvement, crafts, law enforcement, first aid, and fire service training.

IN-PLANT TRAINING: One of the more innovative ways the Continuing Education Department meets industries' needs is to provide classes in the plant when they are needed. An example is when a plant needs to have first aid or CPR training for its employees. If the class needs to meet at midnight, RTC will offer the class at that time and offer it in the plant. If an industry needs to train a group of employees for a new skill, RTC cooperates with the plant personnel to design and offer the needed course. Over 17 plants in Richmond and Scotland Counties have used the services of the Continuing Education

Program.

NEW AND EXPANDING INDUSTRY TRAINING: During the past six years, RTC has trained almost 1000 employees for seven industries including Clark Equipment Company, Eaton Corporation, Dana Corporation, Owens-Illinois, and Forster Textiles. Areas of training vary from machine operators and finishing personnel to mold repairers and warper tenders.

SELF-IMPROVEMENTS: The Continuing Education Department distributes a quarterly schedule of courses designed to meet the various interests and needs of citizens in the service area. Classes include computer literacy, handcrafts, woodworking, small engine repair, business skills, and teacher recertification. Fifteen or more people are needed to hold these classes and tuition is reasonable. Citizens 65 and older may take classes free.

ADULT EDUCATION: Recognizing that there are many levels of educational needs, the Adult Education program addresses the needs of adults who desire reading and math improvement. A

student works at his own pace and plans his own schedule. Frequently adults who attend these classes do so to prepare to enroll in the GED or Adult High School programs.

The Adult High School program provides the student an opportunity to complete the courses he needs to receive a high school diploma. Whether it is English, math, or history, he can attend classes held on the RTC campus and at other locations in Richmond and Scotland Counties. The Adult Education and Adult High School programs are free of charge.

The GED (General Educational Development) Program is also free of charge and prepares students to take the GED test which is administered monthly at RTC. There is a \$5 charge to take the test. Students passing the GED test receive a certificate which is recognized by many agencies and colleges as an equivalency to the high school diploma.

Industries interested in having GED classes taught in the plant are encouraged to contact the Continuing Education Department.

HUMAN RESOURCES

DEVELOPMENT: The Human Resources Development (HRD) program at RTC is designed to identify people who are chronically unemployed or who are on public assistance and to recruit, teach, place and keep them in jobs. If you or someone you know needs help with job seeking skills, contact RTC's Continuing Education Department for more information.

LIFE LONG LEARNING: Through the Continuing Education Department's approach to education, RTC is providing citizens an opportunity to enrich their lives through learning new skills. For more information on the Continuing Education Department and the various courses and services offered, call RTC at 582-1980, 997-3333, or 276-4619.

 **Richmond
Technical
College**

1984-1985 Academic Calender Year

FALL	September	5	Registration for fall quarter on the RTC campus
	September	6	Classes begin; late registration until 7 p.m.; late fee applies
	September	9	Graduation
	November	21	Final Exams begin
	November	21	Thanksgiving holidays begin
WINTER	November	29	Registration for winter quarter classes
	November	30	Classes begin; late registration until 7 p.m.; late fee applies
	December	20	Christmas holidays begin after last class
	January	2	Classes resume
	February	25	Final exams begin
SPRING	March	5	Registration for spring quarter classes
	March	6	Classes begin; late registration until 7 p.m.; late fee applies
	April	5	Easter Holidays begin
	April	9	Classes resume
	May	22	Final exams begin
SUMMER	May	30	Registration for summer quarter classes
	May	31	Classes begin; late registration until 7 p.m.; late fee applies
	June	28	Summer vacation begins after last class
	July	15	Classes resume
	August	13	Final exams begin
	September	8	Graduation

Continuing Education Includes Macrame Classes



Senior citizens in nursing homes and at nutrition sites enjoy the many craft classes provided by the RTC

Continuing Education Department. Tuition is free to persons 65 and older.

Significant Dates In RTC's History

1965

First class (Supervisory Development Training) received certificates.

First Fire Service Training course held.

Permanent site selected by trustees.

First curriculum, Practical Nurse Education, assumed from Fayetteville Technical Institute.

Learning Laboratory opened.

First vocational courses (extention) offered.

1966

Plans for Building One completed.

Skyrocketing construction costs ending completion of first building. State Advisory Budget Commission o.k.'ed additional \$40,000 for construction.

First curricular students enrolled. Classes begun in temporary quarters ranging over 27 miles.

First Law Enforcement Training course offered.

1967

Self-study begun to seek accreditation from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Students, faculty, and staff moved into Building One.

First graduation ceremonies held.

Student Government Constitution approved by Trustees.

RTI dedication attended by 600 citizens.

1968

Students conducted first bloodmobile drive.

First Miss RTI elected.

Tartan Corporation to locate plant in Richmond County. RTI trains employees.

Voters approved half-million dollar bond issue for construction of additional building for RTI.

1969

Joseph H. Nanney named acting president.

RTI designated GED testing center.

Trustees approved General Education curriculum with Pembroke State University.

RTI accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

1970

HEW Grant of \$352,666, added to bond monies, enabled planning for Building Two to proceed.

Joseph H. Nanney named President.

Ground broken for new 32,000 square-foot building.

1971

RTI starts Learning Laboratory in Scotland County.

Building Two completed.

First Artist-in-Residence engaged.

1972

Voter registration conducted on campus for newly-enfranchised 18-20 year-old voters.

Veterans Cooperative Farm Training program launched.

First Alumni reunion held.

First Spring Festival attended by 5,000 citizens.

1973

Two students make list of Outstanding College Athletes of America.

Evening curricular classes began.

\$8,000 Humanities Grant awarded to RTI for forum, "Richmond County Directives."

Accreditation reaffirmed by SACS.

1974

Four RTI students listed in Outstanding College Athletes of America.

RTI received \$43,672 from the State of North Carolina to create Human Resources Development program for assistance to chronically unemployed and underemployed citizens.

N.C. Humanities Committee awards grant for series of programs for senior citizens.

1975

RTI receives State accreditation.

Trustees select architect, begin plans for Building Three.

Clark Equipment Company announces plans to locate plant in Richmond County. Decision influenced by presence of RTI.

RTI begins training program for Clark.

1976

Phase I, Building Three completed.

New curricula added: Masonry; Carpentry and Cabinetmaking; Electrical Installation and Maintenance; and Associate Degree Nursing.

500 seat amphitheatre completed.

Locally written historical drama, "The Justice of Our Cause", produced in amphitheatre.

RTI Board of Trustees adopted Equal Opportunity-Affirmative Action Policy.

RTI Alumni Association formed.

RTI Tennis Team won Piedmont Athletic Conference tournament.

1977

RTI received \$5,963 grant from State Board of Education to conduct study of women's educational needs.

Joseph Nanney resigns as president.

R. Kenneth Melvin named president.

CPR course offered by Continuing Education Department for first time.

RTI won Piedmont-Atlantic Conference Championship. Three students named to All-Conference Team.

Community Theatre opens in Rockingham with RTI Visiting Artist David Ariail as director.

1978

RTI received \$75,000 Special Projects Grant from

Public Health Service for new Associate Degree Nursing curriculum.

Personal Achievement Curriculum (PAC) offered for first time.

First Continuing Education Director for Scotland County named.

1979

Gamma Beta Phi, national honor society and service organization, inducts first RTI student members.

RTI conducted community-wide occupational survey of Richmond and Scotland Counties to determine need of new programs and services.

Tom Bradford, Visiting Artist, commissioned to paint train mural on Hamlet Memorial Park wall.

State Board of Education approves Associate Degree in Accounting curriculum.

1980

Phase II of Building Three completed.

Five RTI students named to Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges.

RTI Criminal Justice student Brenda Oxendine became first female N.C. State Trooper.

RTI becomes Richmond Technical College.

Masonry, Carpentry and Cabinetmaking, and Electrical Installation students participate in RTC's first off-campus, live construction project-The Rockingham Senior Citizens' Center.

1981

First curriculum classes offered in Scotland County.

General Office Technical Specialty and Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration added to RTC's curricular offerings.

RTC is deeded the Lillian Duer James School of Nursing Building.

Learning Resources Center received \$10,000 planning grant from National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to develop program of

activities highlighting railroading in the Sandhills.

Six RTC students named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

RTC received \$52,000 Federal Title III planning grant to develop short and long range plans.

1982

New pumping station and fire training facility added to campus.

RTC Foundation chartered. Learning Resources Center received \$115,000 from NEH for "Orange Blossom Special" railroad project.

RTC acquired \$37,000 Bridgeport Series 1 Computer Numerical Controlled vertical milling machine.

Owens-Illinois announces plans to build a plant in Richmond County. RTC trains employees.

Community surveyed to assess needs of new programs and services.

1983

RTC Gamma Beta Phi society won "Most Improved Chapter" award at national convention.

RTC reaccredited by SACS. First foundation board member appointed.

RTC received \$355,000 Nursing Improvement Grant from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

RTC received \$43,000 grant from state for improvement in Machinist curriculum.

RTC awarded \$16,796 by Small Business Administration Parks and Recreational Department for construction of RTC nature trail.

1984

Renovations completed on the Lillian Duer James Nursing Building.

First federal Job Partnership Training Act program for dislocated workers started by RTC at Laurinburg-Maxton Air Base. RTC celebrated 20th anniversary.



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