

**Hugh Cheek**  
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Hugh Cheek's long career as a teacher and administrator in trade schools brought him briefly to Linn Technical College while it was still a struggling young college.

He came to Linn after serving as assistant director of a post-secondary vocational-technical school in Arkansas.

Cheek recalls the challenge of dealing with the college's financial constraints. To add Aviation Technology as the fifth program offered, the staff made good use of federal surplus property to equip the shop, he said.

He also recalls the satisfaction of working with an excellent instructional staff and committed students.

"I visited every department every day," he said.

After leaving Linn Tech, he returned to his home state of Arkansas and became supervisor of trade training programs for the state education department. He was in that role for seven years, then served as director of a state vocational-technical school in Hot Springs for 10 years. He retired in 1987.

Despite the financial struggles at the time, he thinks Linn Tech had shown its worth in the 500 students enrolled. "It was already proved by the quality and number of students," he said.

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