Spring Semester Begins

As the semester starts getting busy with homework and tests, Ozarka hopes students will take advantage of the many services and activities available. There are student clubs and organizations that meet every week. If students are taking classes in Ash Flat and Mountain View, clubs meet in the interactive video rooms so all can participate. Days and times can always be found in this newsletter in the “Around Campus” section or on the new campus calendar that is available at ozarka.edu or watch the announcements section of my.ozarka.edu.

Many free services are available for students through Trio/Student Support Services. Students who have not applied should contact Trio directly for eligibility requirements and an application. Their offices are located in the Miller Building, next to the learning lab, as well as being on the off campus sites in Ash Flat and Mountain View one or two days per week.

For students enrolled in a technical program, such as LPN, Automotive, Culinary, Business, etc., the Perkins Grant offers free tutoring. Contact Nikole Thornton at 368-2045 or visit with her in the Miller building, Room #117 and she can assist with scheduling a tutor.

For students on any financial aid, those checks will not be available for at least a couple of weeks. In order for the Finance department to get aid money ready quicker, please check your my.ozarka account instead of calling their office. When your check is ready you will have a message. Students at Ash Flat and Mountain View may request checks be sent to their respective campus. The Finance Department appreciates your patience and consideration.

Students interested in work study, may check the bulletin board outside of the Financial Aid offices for available positions.

Automotive Students Excel on National Examination

Two automotive students from Ozarka College who are completing degree in Automotive Service Technology and will be eligible to graduate in May of 2007, recently took an end-of-program test administered by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).

According to automotive service technology instructor Larry Wilkes, there are eight areas that students are tested over in the NATEF exam. Those areas include Suspension and Steering, Brakes, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Engine Performance, Engine Repair, Automatic Transmission and Transaxle, Manual Drive Train and Axles, and Heating and Air Conditioning. The eight areas parallel those offered for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification.

Kyle Yancey of Wideman, scored above the national average on all eight sections and Chris Smith of Camp, scored above the national average on seven of the eight areas.

For more information about the program at Ozarka College, contact Larry Wilkes at 870-368-7371 or 800-821-4335.

Lunch
Served 11AM-12:30 PM Daily.
Cost: $3.00 or $3.50

MENU:
Mon 1/8
Chicken Fried Chicken
Tue 1/9
Soup & Sandwich
Wed 1/10
Beef Tips & Noodles
Thu 1/11
Open Faced Turkey Sandwich
Fri 1/12
Catfish
Mon 1/15
Hamburgers & FF
Tue 1/16
Kenda’s Chicken & Dumplings
Wed 1/17
Brisket Plate
Thu 1/18
Beef Stew
Fri 1/19
Chicken Salad Sandwich

Spring Semester Begins

As the semester starts getting busy with homework and tests, Ozarka hopes students will take advantage of the many services and activities available. There are student clubs and organizations that meet every week. If students are taking classes in Ash Flat and Mountain View, clubs meet in the interactive video rooms so all can participate. Days and times can always be found in this newsletter in the “Around Campus” section or on the new campus calendar that is available at ozarka.edu or watch the announcements section of my.ozarka.edu.

Many free services are available for students through Trio/Student Support Services. Students who have not applied should contact Trio directly for eligibility requirements and an application. Their offices are located in the Miller Building, next to the learning lab, as well as being on the off campus sites in Ash Flat and Mountain View one or two days per week.

For students enrolled in a technical program, such as LPN, Automotive, Culinary, Business, etc., the Perkins Grant offers free tutoring. Contact Nikole Thornton at 368-2045 or visit with her in the Miller building, Room #117 and she can assist with scheduling a tutor.

For students on any financial aid, those checks will not be available for at least a couple of weeks. In order for the Finance department to get aid money ready quicker, please check your my.ozarka account instead of calling their office. When your check is ready you will have a message. Students at Ash Flat and Mountain View may request checks be sent to their respective campus. The Finance Department appreciates your patience and consideration.

Students interested in work study, may check the bulletin board outside of the Financial Aid offices for available positions.

Automotive Students Excel on National Examination

Two automotive students from Ozarka College who are completing degree in Automotive Service Technology and will be eligible to graduate in May of 2007, recently took an end-of-program test administered by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).

According to automotive service technology instructor Larry Wilkes, there are eight areas that students are tested over in the NATEF exam. Those areas include Suspension and Steering, Brakes, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Engine Performance, Engine Repair, Automatic Transmission and Transaxle, Manual Drive Train and Axles, and Heating and Air Conditioning. The eight areas parallel those offered for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification.

Kyle Yancey of Wideman, scored above the national average on all eight sections and Chris Smith of Camp, scored above the national average on seven of the eight areas.

For more information about the program at Ozarka College, contact Larry Wilkes at 870-368-7371 or 800-821-4335.
“Making It Count” Presentation

Ozarka College has scheduled “Making Your College Search Count” and “Making Your College and Career Count,” both subsidiaries of Monster, for area high school juniors and seniors. The one-hour presentations will be delivered on Tuesday, January 16 to junior high school students at 9:00 a.m. and to senior students at 10:00 a.m. at Ozarka College in Melbourne.

These presentations provide students with crucial information on how to conduct effective college searches, what they need to do to apply, and what they need to accomplish during high school to maximize their opportunities for future success. Important issues such as time management, effective study skills, choosing career paths, and selecting colleges will be addressed.

“Graduation from high school is a key transition period in a student’s life,” said Making It Count Vice President, J.R. Cifani. “Our goal is to provide and reinforce the positive messages counselors and teachers are giving to their students during this crucial time and help students understand that anyone can be successful if they choose to be.”

Key content and supporting materials for the “Making Your College Search Count” and “Making College and Career Count” can be found online at www.makingitcount.com. The website offers a wide variety of tools and resources for current and future high school students.

Millers Endow Scholarship

Senator Paul and Treva Miller (pictured with President Dusty Johnston, far right and Suellen Davidson, far left from Ozarka College) recently donated $10,000 to establish an endowed scholarship at Ozarka College. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are long-time supporters of education in North Central Arkansas and during his time as Senator, Miller has provided consistent legislative support to Ozarka College. Supporters of Senator Miller are encouraged to contribute to the endowment so that additional scholarships can be awarded each year. For more details, contact Davidson at 870-368-7371.

LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

ICARE will host the mobile unit, Arkansans for Animals, with Joanna McManus, DVM on January 23, 24, & 25 at Melbourne. Besides the health issues, altering your pet will make its life and your own much easier. Please contact ICARE at 870-368-5000 to make an appointment. There is a $10 deposit for each animal which must be paid in advance. Clinics fill rapidly so please call and schedule your pet as soon as possible.
Ozarka College is one of 72 recipients of a grant program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The Big Read program is a new national program by the NEA, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Arts Midwest, that encourages literary reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss one book. The organizations selected to participate in the Big Read will receive grants ranging from $5,000 to $40,000 to promote and carry out month-long, community-based programs.

The proposal submitted by Ozarka College included the book *The Grapes of Wrath*, with many activities planned by the grant committee in Ozarka’s four-county service area including Fulton, Izard, Sharp and Stone Counties:

- **BIG Month of Reading in January & February:**
  The following libraries will participate by having *The Grapes of Wrath* available to read, Reader’s Guides and bookmarks. Those with dates will host a discussion:

  - Melbourne Public Library
  - Horseshoe Bend Branch Library
  - Calico Rock Public Library
  - Viola Branch Library
  - Fulton County Library
  - Mammoth Spring Branch Library
  - B. Moore/Stone County Library
  - Williford Branch Library
  - Sharp County Library
  - Cave City Branch Library
  - Evening Shade Library

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Library</th>
<th>Date and Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Melbourne Public Library</td>
<td>Tuesday, February 13, 2 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Horseshoe Bend Branch Library</td>
<td>Thursday February 22, 1 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Calico Rock Public Library</td>
<td>Friday, February 16, 2 pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Viola Branch Library</td>
<td>Saturday, February 24, noon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fulton County Library</td>
<td>Friday, February 23, noon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mammoth Spring Branch Library</td>
<td>Tuesday, February 6th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B. Moore/Stone County Library</td>
<td>Tuesday, February 6th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Williford Branch Library</td>
<td>Thursday, February 8th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sharp County Library</td>
<td>Friday, February 8th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cave City Branch Library</td>
<td>Saturday, February 8th</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Evening Shade Library</td>
<td>Tuesday, February 13th</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- **BIG Events** with guest speaker appearance by **Nancy Steinbeck** to read and discuss *The Other Side of Eden*.
  - 10AM Tuesday, February 6th Ozarka College Mountain View
  - 1PM Tuesday, February 6th Ozarka College Melbourne
  - 10AM Thursday, February 8th Salem High School
  - 1PM Thursday, February 8th Ozarka College Ash Flat

- **BIG Discussion** held at Ozarka College on Friday, February 23 from 9-10AM (tentatively) A reenactment of a scene from the movie by **Judy Cannady** and **Dan Lindsey**. **David Kipen**, Director of Literature Division of NEA will discuss the book and the Big Read

- **BIG Eat and Fashion Show** Ozarka cafeteria hosting a menu of thrifty fare while diners watch a Fashion Show on Wednesday, February 28th from 11AM-12:30PM.

Keep informed by READING the local newspaper, the Campus Connection, or Ozarka website for more on this event.
Drama Club Production:

Harriet Tubman: The Underground Railroad

The Ozarka College Drama Club will present the Arkansas Arts Center’s of “Harriet Tubman: The Underground Railroad” on Wednesday, January 24, 2007 in the John E. Miller Auditorium on the Melbourne campus of Ozarka College. The production is at 10:00 AM. Tickets for the show are $2.00, with free admission to teachers and bus drivers.

With the help of a secret network of like-minded heroes known as the Underground Railroad, she made nineteen daring voyages into the dangerous South to lead others to freedom. This is the story of a true American hero.

The performance will last approximately an hour with a talk back session scheduled afterwards for those wanting to participate. Home school groups, private and public schools are invited to attend this event. Tickets may be purchased at the door, but reservations should be made in advance by contacting Cannady at 870-368-2073, toll free, 800-821-4335, or email jcannady@ozarka.edu.

Photo Credit: "Portrait of Harriet Tubman." Courtesy of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University.