Sellars Appointed to Ozarka Board

On September 18, Governor Mike Beebe announced his appointment of Marty Sellars of Ash Flat, to the Ozarka College Board of Trustees. His appointed term will run through July 1, 2014. Sellars is President and Chief Operating Officer of First National Banking Company (FNBC) based in Ash Flat. He has been actively involved with Ozarka College for several years, having served on the college’s Foundation Board since 2003, most recently chairing that board.

Culinary Arts Schedules Dining Events for Fall

The Culinary Arts Department at Ozarka College has three unique dining opportunities during the Fall Semester. The advanced Culinary Arts students will lead this dining experience from planning to execution on three occasions: October 4, 18, and November 8.

Touch of Class will be held in the new culinary dining room next to their classroom in the John E. Miller Education Complex. The menu will feature appetizers, main dishes and irresistible desserts, with items from Shrimp Cocktail, Filet Mignon, Chicken Parmesan, Halibut, and Shrimp & Pasta Alfredo.

According to Ozarka Culinary Instructor, Chef Linda Taylor, “Ozarka’s culinary department prides itself on a reputation for hosting many successful dining events. These dinners are used as a learning tool for our students in order for them to become acquainted with a real, restaurant style setting.”

Reservations are now being taken for these events by calling 870-368-2062. Seating is limited and reservations will be on a “first come, first serve” basis.

Around Campus

- Faculty Council
  October 2 @ 11AM C116
- Optimist Club
  October 4th @11:30 in the conference room Main Building
- FBLA
  Friday October 5 at 8AM in the Miller Auditorium
- Compass Testing
  October 5 @9AM Learning Lab of the Miller Building.
- Student Council
  October 9 11AM C116 Miller Building Compressed Video Room - or-- the compressed video room in Ash Flat and Mtn. View.
- The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe
  October 18th at 10AM in the Miller Auditorium (see page 3 for details).

See page two to find out what these young Kids Academy students are up to and for more pictures.
Coffee @ the College Deemed a Success in Mountain View

The recent Coffee at the College events have proven successful for Ozarka College. On Friday, September 28, Ozark hosted the coffee event in Mountain View. Several community members were on hand to visit with President, Dusty R. Johnston, and many other Ozarka faculty, staff and administrators, as well as Stone County Foundation board members.

Advancement Director, Karla Rush has been pleased with these events so far and explains that the next event will be held back in Melbourne on October 19th. “In trying to reach out to our local community, these casual morning events are another way for the college to communicate to the communities we serve and we hope they continue to serve as a forum for feedback.”

Everyone is invited to come by the Ozarka’s new culinary arts dining room in the Miller Building and have a cup of coffee and a pastry and to visit on Friday October 19th in Melbourne. For more information contact the Advancement Office at 870-368-7371.

October GED Testing Schedule

The GED Test will be given at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Arkansas on October 3 & 11 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 516 of the Wyth Duke Adult Education Building.

The test will also be given at the following locations in October:

- Mammoth Spring, Simmons First National Bank 9:00 a.m. Oct. 1 & 15
- Mountain View, Ozarka College 9:00 a.m. Oct. 2 & 16
- Salem, Fulton County Courthouse 9:00 a.m. Oct. 15 & 17
- Ash Flat, Sharp County Courthouse 9:00 a.m. Oct. 23 & 29

You must present an Arkansas photo ID, a Social Security Card, and proof of passing Practice Test scores dated within the last year. There is no cost to take the GED Test. However, if you plan on taking the test at any of these locations, you MUST register by calling Ozarka College at 368-7371 or 1-800-821-4335 before the day of the test. Because of increased demographic information needed, it will be necessary to allow two days for the testing.

Kids Academy Annual Trike-A-Thon

The last week in October the Ozarka Kids Academy held its annual St. Jude’s Trike-A-Thon. The young students at the Academy, with help from their parents raised more than $700 for St. Judes and had fun while doing so! This is the 3rd year the Kids Academy has held the Trike-A-Thon.
The Ozarka College Foundation has focused its fundraising efforts for the last 18 months on new scholarship opportunities for students attending Ozarka College. President Dusty R. Johnston announced this week a gift of $10,000 from Betty Campbell, who resides part time in Hardy, Arkansas, to establish an endowed scholarship honoring her late husband, Mr. Robert D. Kalischer.

Campbell, who is a native of Columbus, Ohio, says she wanted to honor Kalischer in this way because, “he was a true gentleman of high intelligence who was always kind and compassionate and a man of the highest ethical standards I have ever known.” The scholarship will be awarded to an Ozarka College student pursing an education in the nursing field with preference given to a Hardy resident.

Campbell, who was a nurse herself stated, “When Robert was in poor health, he appreciated the nurses who took great care of him. I thought it fitting to award this to a student who is seeking a degree in the health care industry.” She goes on to say, “He greatly valued the education he received at the University of Michigan and understood the importance of others obtaining an education. Since Ozarka does not offer specific degrees in his field of engineering or philosophy, and with the high demand for good nurses, I thought it perfect to honor him in this way.”

The Robert D. Kalischer Memorial Scholarship will be awarded beginning in the Fall of 2008. Campbell stated she is hopeful that there are others in the area who are interested in establishing an endowment to honor a family member or friend through Ozarka College.

The Ozarka Foundation established endowment guidelines this year. Anyone interested, may contact the development office at 870-368-7371 for more information. The Ozarka Foundation Board is an approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations made to the Foundation are tax-deductible.

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The Ozarka College Drama Club will present the Arkansas Arts Center Tell-A-Tale Troupe’s production of “The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe” on Thursday, October 18, 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. Area schools are invited and encouraged to attend this play. The performance will last approximately an hour.

“The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” is an exciting new adaptation of C.S. Lewis’ classic adventure created by le Clandé du Rand. This new play, which toured nationally for the Lincoln Center, captures all of the courage, heroism, faith, love and high ideals of Lewis’ story while presenting them in an intimate, accessible form.

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.
Upcoming Fitness Classes Include- Arthritis Exercise and Fitness Ball

Ozarka College will offer the “Arthritis Exercise” fitness course again in Melbourne and for the first time in Ash Flat beginning on Monday, October 22. The four main components of the class will be exercise, health education, movement activities and relaxation exercises.

This eight-week continuing education class will meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10-11:00 a.m. through December 19. Fitness Center staff member, Clara Ballard along with center director, Holly Ayers will coordinate the class for persons who wish to increase joint flexibility and to maintain muscle strength.

Previous participants in this program benefited from increased functional ability and decreased pain from arthritis. This course will follow guidelines provided by the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program.

Space will be on a “first come first served” basis and interested students should register in advance by contacting the Paul Miller Fitness Center at 870-368-2090, or email hayers@ozarka.edu. Course fee is $25.00.

Ozarka College Paul Miller Fitness Center will again offer a six week beginning fitness ball class on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Monday, October 22, 2007. Times for this class will be 5:15 – 6:00PM. Fitness Center Director Holly Ayers describes the fitness ball class as a low impact exercise course designed to strengthen, tone and increase overall core muscles.

“Exercises utilizing the fitness ball will help students develop their core strength and stability, motor control and muscle endurance without adding bulk.”

Students will need to provide their own exercise ball from 55cm to 75 cm depending on individual height. They can be purchased through the fitness center at a cost of $20.

Cost for the class is $35. Space is limited, therefore advance registration is required. For more information or to register for the course, call 870-368-2090, email hayers@ozarka.edu, or stop by the Paul Miller Fitness Center.