The Ozarka College Foundation Board will hold its benefit auction on Saturday, October 16 in the John Miller Auditorium on the Melbourne campus of Ozarka College.

Perryman & Perryman Auction Company of Viola will conduct the benefit auction. Doors will open at 8 a.m. with the auction beginning at 10 a.m. Many area businesses have donated items to go on the auction block during the event. Proceeds from this event are being designated to support Ozarka students by way of funding academic and other types of discretionary scholarships.

Some of the items available are: a new recliner, tickets for Branson shows, several floral arrangements, men’s watches, clocks, baskets, knives, home décor, lamps, collector’s dolls, TY stuffed animals, assorted tools, artwork, various apparel, and many restaurant and other gift certificates. Contact the Development office for a complete list of donors and auction items at 870-994-7273.

The Ozarka Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by federal regulations. The board is comprised of members representing Fulton, Izard, Sharp and Stone counties to coincide with the Ozarka College service area. Foundation members are currently collecting items to be donated for sale at the auction.

The Culinary students will host the concessions. For more information about making a contribution or to receive a full list of items to be sold, contact the Ozarka Development Office at 870-994-7273.

Ozarka College is accepting applications for a scholarship which is being funded by the Horseshoe Bend Kiwanis Club, for a full time student enrolled in one of Ozarka’s educational programs. To be eligible for this scholarship up to the amount of $1,000, students must be residents of Fulton or Izard County and have been members of the Key Club.

For further information on this scholarship or other available scholarships, contact Randy Scaggs, Admissions Counselor at 870-368-7371.
Saturday, October 2nd, The Ozarka College Foundation held its annual fall golf tournament. Twenty-six teams of golfers assembled at the beautiful Coopers Hawk Golf Club to play an 18-hole scramble with proceeds benefiting the Ozarka Foundation. Winners of the Championship Flight were determined after a three-way tie led to a sudden-death playoff: 1st – Jim Cooper, Joe Cooper, Ben Cooper, Daniel Taylor; 2nd – Matt Rush, Fred Rush, Shannon Smith, Justin Thornton; 3rd – Jack Hill, Joe Johnson, Mike Foster, Randy Satterwhite.


Individual hole contest winners included Joe Cooper, Dick Wakefield, Justin Thornton, Rick Fowler, Danny Moser, Brad Lamb, James Blackburn, Joe Conway, Preston King, James Sitton, Corey Bruce, Kelley Webb, Gary Adkins and Charleen Parten. Marcus Miller won the cash prize for the putting competition.

According to tournament director, Karla Rush, “we had an overwhelming response of support from our communities and an exciting finish with the championship play-off. Al Smith and the Coopers Hawk staff are always great to work with and made sure we had a well-organized event. We appreciate everyone who helped in any way.”

Corporate sponsors for the event were First National Banking Company and Met Life Investments. Other tournament sponsors included Brad Wheelis, DDS; B & B Supply; BanCorp South; Blankenship Pharmacy; CenturyTel; Conley Ford; Cooper Realty; Cordells; Dutton Printing Company; Eastern Ozarks Regional Health System; Energy; First National Bank of Izard County; Fred Lamb – State Farm Insurance; Freedom Ford; GH Miller & Son; Goings and Associates; Harold Jeffery; Hardy Insurance Company; Izard County Abstract & Title; Jim Haney-State Farm Insurance; Hometown Market; King-Rhoades Real Estate / King-Rhoades Rentals; Kissee Law Firm; Liberty Bank of Arkansas; Mark’s Pharmacy; Miller’s Supermarket; NAEC; North Central Insurance; Oral Henderson; Premier Home Furnishings; Sears of Ash Flat; Shelter Insurance Agency; Sonic of Melbourne; Tate Lawrence Chevrolet; Wal-Mart of Mountain View; United Country – Cotham & Company; Melbourne Country Store; Patterson Insurance; Utopia Inc.; Pizza Hut of Ash Flat; Village Exxon Service Center; WRD Entertainment; and Wolff’s Athletics.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will be matched dollar for dollar for a federal Title III Strengthening Institutions grant which was awarded to Ozarka College. The grant program ends September 30, 2006.
Ozarka Library Receives New Books from Grant

After receiving a grant from the Libri Foundation last Spring, the Ozarka College Library has its new books in inventory in the Children’s section. The program matched 2-to-1 any money they raised to use toward books. The matching amount for the project was provided by the Dan Duke Memorial Fund. Duke, now deceased, was a former student at Ozarka College. His father, Wyth Duke was a math instructor at Ozarka for twelve years. Dan Duke’s name is included on a nameplate inside each book received through the grant.

Because Ozarka has the maximum amount allowed to participate in the program, the library was awarded $1,050 worth of new books.

According to Mary Ellen Hawkins, Ozarka’s Librarian, “The Libri Foundation provided a list of books with over 700 fiction and non-fiction titles that reflect the very best of children’s literature published in the last three years, as well as classic children’s books. We were able to add some wonderful literature to our collection.”

The Libra Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates, new, quality, hardcover children’s books to small, rural public libraries. They have donated over $2,000,000 worth of new children’s books since 1990 to more than 1,600 libraries across the United States.

LPN Applications Being Accepted

Ozarka College is currently accepting applications for the 18 month Licensed Practical Nursing program for the Spring Semester that begins in January 2005. The deadline for persons interested in applying for this program is November 1st at Noon. For details on admission requirements or to apply, contact Randy Scaggs at 870-368-2028 or 800-821-4335 outside Izard County.

A requirement for the application process is taking the Wonderlic test. The test will be administered on November 1st at 12:30 in Melbourne. There is a $5 fee to take the test and can be paid in the Finance office the day of the test.

Creative Writing To Begin October 27th

Bret Burquest will lead a course in creative writing this fall at Ozarka College in Ash Flat. The writing class will begin on Wednesday, October 27, at 5 p.m. Classes will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 5-7 p.m., for a total of twelve hours.

Burquest has extensive experience in writing both screenplays and novels. He also pens a weekly editorial column for an area newspaper. To date, four of Burquest’s novels have been published and he has received numerous awards from the Arkansas Press Association. Based on his knowledge and experience within the writing field, Burquest will discuss creative writing concept, structure, editing and processes of publishing.

Since enrollment is limited for this course, pre-registration is required prior to October 22. Cost for the creative writing class is $65.00 which includes required reading text.

For an application or more information about this course, call 870-368-7371 or toll free 800-821-4335.
Ozarka’s Homepage Gets Revamped

Over the past few weeks, anyone who has logged on to the Ozarka College website will have noticed a new look. This change has taken place due to joint planning by the Information Systems and Marketing Departments.

The obvious changes are cosmetic when first logging onto Ozarka.edu, but after “surfing” around the college homepage, it is noted that there are new, useful features on the site.

According to Director of Marketing, Karla Rush, “a major feature that has been modified is a search filter for the semester course schedules. One goal we had in modifying the website was to make it easier for students or potential students to find information they need for their classes. This is a wonderful addition to site and will be helpful and more efficient to those who use it.”

Information Systems technician, Chaney Coleman, under the direction of Scott Pinkston, Director of the department, is responsible for much of the updates and design. Coleman, along with Distance Education Specialist, Jason Lawrence, attended a seminar over the summer to learn ColdFusion, which is a programming language used to build websites, including Ozarka’s.

There are other features planned for the Ozarka website, including an online application for admission to the college, as well as other online tools. “Website development will continue as keeping everything up to date is a never-ending process,” states Coleman.

To see the changes made to date, log on to www.ozarka.edu.