Online Registration Has Begun

Ozarka College Online Spring 2004 Registration for returning students will begin Monday, November 8th and continue through January 3, 2005. Students can log on to www.ozarka.edu to view the spring class schedule and register through the website.

Due to the growing popularity of distance education courses, Ozarka College will offer additional online, compressed video and AETN classes. This will allow more flexibility for those who work or have families.

Students may log on to www.ozarka.edu to view the Spring schedule. The Ozarka College website has been updated to include a filtering system which allows a search for specific course types, such as online or traditional, as well as courses offered on certain days of the week, and class locations.

Students registering online can also take advantage of the online payment system, eCashier. This service can be used for those students who want to make payments on their tuition or pay tuition in full using their bank account or credit card. Students may log in to their my.ozarka.edu account and go to their finance page to utilize this convenient payment option.

Current students should meet with their advisors for schedule planning prior to logging on to register for the Spring term which begins on Monday, January 10, 2005. For additional information, contact Ozarka College at (870) 368-7371 or toll free 1-800-821-4335.

Some Online Courses Available for Spring 2005

- Accounting I
- Computerized Accounting
- Financial Planning
- Medical Terminology II
- Business Principles
- Computer Information Systems
- Intro to Geography
- Oral Communications
- Theater
- Nursing of the Geriatric Patient
- Basic Human Nutrition

Collegiate Ministry Meetings are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall with Brother Bob Stewart.

PTK Induction Ceremony - Tue. Nov 9 @ 11AM -Miller Lecture Hall.

PBL Meeting– Thu, 11/11 @ 11AM in the Miller Compressed Video room.

Student Council– Tue., Nov 16 @11:00 AM in the Miller Compressed Video room.

Veterans Day Ceremony
November 11, 11AM
Miller Auditorium
Everyone is invited to attend.
The halls of the John E. Miller Education Complex were lined with college, university, financial and military representatives and local high school students on Wednesday, November 3rd for the Annual College/Career Planning Day. Those schools included, Calico Rock, Cave City, Cushman, Evening Shade Highland, Izard County Consolidated, Mammoth Spring, Melbourne, Mount Pleasant, Mountain View, Norfork, North Central Arkansas Alternative, Rural Special, Salem, Sulphur Rock, Timbo, Viola, and Williford.

Representatives and recruiters from colleges, universities, the armed forces, and lending institutions were on hand with information and materials from their institutions for interested high school seniors.

Ozarka’s Student Ambassadors and other Ozarka faculty and staff assisted with the entire program to make the event a success. Student Ambassadors are Mary Foote, Melissa Howell, Mandy McCollum, Bobby Switzer, Cory Garretson, Kristin Teague, Ashley Tate, Niki Partee, and Jessica Reynolds. Student work-study, Pam Shultz; Tech-Prep Coordinator, Kim Lovelace, and the Maintenance Department also played a big role in helping with the event.

Another key element of the success of Ozarka’s College/Career Planning Day each year is the hospitality room provided by Culinary Arts for the high school counselors, bus drivers, college representatives and other guests who attend the event.

Ozarka Hosted ArkACRAO College/Career Planning Day

SAEA Autumn Auction

In an effort to raise funds to attend the State AEA (Arkansas Education Association) in Little Rock, The students AEA held an Autumn Auction on October 28th in the Dining Room.

There were many items donated for the auction. Some of the more sought after items were points from Ozarka Instructors for different classes.

Colonel Debra Bartlett, Auctioneer from the Sharp County area volunteered her time to come to Melbourne and conduct the auction for the students. Bartlett was first on campus last Spring to conduct the PTK Egg Auction.

Advisor for SAEA, Craig Keller noted, “The students worked really hard to ask for and collect the auction items. We are very appreciative for Ms. Bartlett coming and helping us with the event.” Keller himself made several bids on various auction items.

The group’s auction raised a little more than $600, enough for several of the members to attend the convention last Thursday and Friday.

The SAEA is one of the newer student organizations on campus and has become quite active. The first year the future educators were organized was in 2001, when Ozarka first added the Associate of Arts in Teaching Degree.

Through a one year Teacher Quality Enhancement (TQE) grant, Janet Lamb, retired teacher from Melbourne, who is now a member of the Ozarka College Foundation Board, was employed part-time through the grant to organize the SAEA as well as the Teachers of Tomorrow, a high school student group for future teachers in area high schools.

Several of the organization’s original members are now in the process of completing their four year degree through the partnership with Arkansas Tech University.
There are some new scholarship opportunities available to Ozarka College students. The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation scholarship, the Sunshine Lady Foundation Scholarship and the Horseshoe Bend Kiwanis Scholarship each have their own eligibility requirements.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation’s mission is to help young people of exceptional promise reach their full potential through education. The Foundation focuses particularly on students who are excelling academically and have significant unmet financial need. Through the Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Program, the Foundation identifies and supports high-achieving community college students hoping to transfer from two-year programs to four-year colleges and universities.

Only the nation’s accredited two-year institutions are able to nominate students. These nomination guidelines are designed to assist two-year institutions in recruiting applicants and selecting nominees for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Program.

The deadline for The Jack Kent Cooke completed application is Wednesday, December 1 at 2:00 p.m. The minimum eligibility for this scholarship is as follows:

Nominees must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- Nominees may be drawn from sophomores or recent graduates. Current students must be enrolled at the two-year institution at the time of nomination and have sophomore status by December 31, 2004. Recent alumni must have graduated in the last five years (since May 2000).
- Nominees must plan to pursue baccalaureate degrees full-time at four-year institutions starting in fall 2005. (Students already enrolled in four-year schools are not eligible.)
- Nominees must have cumulative college GPAs of 3.50 or better on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent). This cumulative GPA must include all college-level courses.
- Nominees must have unmet financial need.

Please keep in mind as you select your nominees that, while there is a five-year window of eligibility, a student or alumnus may only be nominated once for the scholarship.

The Sunshine Lady Foundation (SLF) offers the Women’s Independence Scholarship Program. The Sunshine Lady Foundation is a private family foundation established in 1996 by founder and president Doris Buffett Bryant. A primary focus of SLF is to continue, develop and enhance efforts to end domestic violence. SLF believes that education is a powerful tool which breaks down barriers and opens doors of opportunity. The objective of the Women’s Independence Scholarship Program is to help survivors of domestic violence complete and educational experiences that is crucial to secure employment that will provide them with the financial footing they need to turn their dreams into reality. Support is available for full or part-time students.

A woman who meets the following requirements is eligible to apply:

- Survived domestic violence and is a citizen or legal resident of the United States.
- Is officially accepted into an accredited course of study at a United States institution.
- Demonstrates a critical need for financial assistance.
- Exhibits a strong desire, ability and determination to complete a training and/or academic program.
- Has a definite plan to use the desired training to upgrade skills for career advancement, to train for a new career field, or to enter or reenter the job market.
- Is sponsored by a non-profit, domestic violence service agency willing to mentor and provide support for the student throughout her educational experience.

The Horseshoe Bend Kiwanis Club is funding a scholarship 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 more information or to apply, contact Randy Scaggs or Judy Cannady at 870-368-7371, or 800-821-4335.

The Student Organization - Phi Theta Kappa - is again this year sponsoring Toys for Tots. Donation boxes are set up at Ozarka College, Ash Flat and Mountain View in the main office; as well as outside Mrs. Thornsberry’s office in the Miller Education Complex (Next door to the Compressed Video Classroom) in Melbourne. PTK will be collecting toys through December 10th to donate to children for the holidays.
Ozarka Participates in Mountain View BeanFest

Ozarka College participated in Mountain View’s Annual Beanfest over the October 30th weekend. Ozarka’s “Bean Team” consisted of Samantha Thornsberry Gin Brown, and Barbara Dawes. Also assisting was Thornsberry’s son, Deric, filling in for Kena Tyler and Cindy Conley, who were unable to attend this year.

Ozarka Culinary Arts Department prepared cornbread for the event and Ozarka’s kitchen loaned some cooking items. Dawes adds, “While we didn’t win the contest, we all had fun! Samantha retains her title as the ‘Master Bean Slinger’ of the team, with the fastest ladle for serving.”

Top: Dawes stirs the huge pot of beans.
Left: Ozarka “Beanteam” -Thornsberry, Brown and Dawes.
Right: Brown stirs, while Thornsberry and son, Deric keep an eye on the beans.