National Library Week

“Change your World @ the Library, with Music.” This is the theme of National Library week, being celebrated at Paul Weaver Library.

National Library Week was first celebrated in 1958, as an effort by the American Library Association, the Advertising Council and the newly-formed National Book Committee to draw people’s attention away from new technologies such as television and music and back to books.

While it may seem ironic that the library now is using this week to celebrate what was seen as a threat to libraries a few decades ago, librarians today realize that all forms of media—not just books—have value.

Librarian, Mary Ellen Hawkins states, “We have on display a wide variety of musical instruments and recordings from different eras, as well as a display on ‘The Evolution of Recorded Sound’ which outlines the changes in how we have listened to music over the years. Americans love music, and as technology has evolved, the format of our music has changed from hand-cranked Victrolas to computer-based iPods. Whatever format our music is recorded on, we all love it.”

The Weaver Library is also playing Big Band records during Wednesday’s lunch break in the dining hall and hosting an ‘Information Hunt’ for students to answer questions about music. Hawkins explains that students can stop by the library and pick up a questions form. The forms will be due back on Friday, April 7, at 3:30 pm and all entries will go into a drawing for a prize to be awarded the following Monday.

Hawkins concludes, “Come see our displays and join us in the dining hall on Wednesday to help us celebrate music and the library!”

BCM’s Dinner & A Movie

The Ozarka College Baptist Collegiate Ministry invites all students to Dinner & A Movie at 11AM on April 4th and 5th in M204 of the Main Building. This event, in honor of the upcoming Easter holiday will feature a 30 minute moving entitled “Christ in the Passover.”

Any students attending will receive lunch at no charge.
Paul Vitale Returning to Ozarka College

Ozarka College, in partnership with the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville and the Area 6 Training Consortium will host nationally known motivational speaker Paul Vitale on April 24, 2006.

Vitale, an Arkansas native, will be presenting a seminar on customer service, communication skills, attitude, and service excellence. The program begins at 1:00 p.m. on April 24 in the lecture hall and will conclude at 4:00 p.m.

This training is also sponsored by the Arkansas Hospitality Association, the Arkansas Workforce Investment Board and the colleges. Area employers may wish to send staff members to hear Vitale speak on how to partner with customers, build repeat business, increase profitability and develop great word-of-mouth advertising.

No fee is required to attend this seminar but pre-registration is necessary. For more information, call 368-7371.

Early Registration for Current Students

Current Ozarka College Students will be able to register online beginning April 17 for Summer I, II and Fall classes. Online registration is available through my.ozarka once students have discussed class schedules with their advisors.

Summer I classes will begin on May 22 and continue through June 22.

Summer II begins June 26 and continues through July 27.

The Admissions Department encourages students to utilize online registration and register as early as possible to ensure a seat in class. Contact admissions for further information.

Online registration will continue through May 5.

Adult Ed’s 11th Annual Springfest

The Adult Education Department of Ozarka College held its 11th Annual Springfest on Thursday, March 30.

Around 60 guests attended the event which featured a barbeque dinner, a free concert and information on Ozarka’s programs.

After Adult Ed Director, Wayne Wilson welcomed guests, Correctional Program Supervisor, Sandra Miller introduced Dr. Dusty R. Johnston, Ozarka College President, who spoke on the importance of education. Johnston expressed that education is attainable to anyone regardless of their circumstances and that Ozarka College is available to help them achieve a college education if that is their goal.

After guests ate, they were able to browse booths and talk with faculty about information on the programs available at Ozarka College.

Ozarka’s Drama Club, provided a free concert for guests featuring Further Down, a band from Jonesboro.

More information regarding Ozarka College Adult Education programs is available by contacting them at 368-7371 or toll free 1-800-821-4335.
Women’s Health Issues Lecture on April 11

The Ozarka College AAWTYC (Association of Arkansas Women in Two Year Colleges) will host local physician Dr. Amy Darwin, MD as she lectures on Women’s Health Issues. This lecture is open at no cost to students, faculty and staff but there will be limited seating. This event will take place in the Lecture Hall of the Miller Building at 11AM. Darwin’s discussions will be geared toward the 17-35 year age group, but all ages of women are welcome.

Some of the topics discussed will include the sexual and general health of women. This lecture will include time for questions and answers. Anonymous questions can be answered if provided prior to the lecture. Anyone interested in registering to attend this event should contact AAWTYC Chairperson, Mary Ellen Hawkins, at 368-2054 or Karla Rush, at 368-2003, or via email: karla@ozarka.edu.

Arbor Day Celebration a Success

Arbor Day was celebrated by Ozarka College on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at each of its three locations in Ash Flat, Melbourne, and Mountain View. During the celebrations, a Mount Vernon Red Maple Tree was planted.

These maple trees are descendants from the Mount Vernon Red Maple trees that live on George Washington’s beloved Mount Vernon estate on the Potomac River. The trees at Mount Vernon are planted in a “Hanging Wood” which was a popular 18th century landscape idea. The Mount Vernon Red Maple has brilliant autumn colors and cool summer shade. This tree was selected out of many tree varieties by the students, faculty and staff of Ozarka College by a vote on Constitution Day during the fall of 2005.

The Arbor Day celebration was attended by students, faculty, staff and some local city officials and featured Ozarka College President, Dr. Dusty R. Johnston, as the speaker. Johnston spoke of the origin of Arbor Day and the positive effects of trees on our environment.

The Arkansas Forestry Commission, represented by Urban Forester Dan Johns was also present at the event and donated four trees to each location. These trees were given away in a drawing to those who attended the celebration.

After the Mount Vernon Red Maple tree was planted, refreshments were enjoyed by the attendees.

This project is supported in part by the Arkansas Forestry Commission’s Urban Forestry Program and the U. S. Forest Service.

Nancy Niswonger, President of the Student Council, Urban Forester Dan Johns, and Mayor Mike Cone plant the Mount Vernon Red Maple tree at Ozarka College in Melbourne during the Arbor Day Celebration.

Urban Forester Dan Johns and Dr. Dusty R. Johnston plant the Mount Vernon Red Maple Tree at Ozarka College in Ash Flat during the Arbor Day Celebration.

County Judge Stacey Avey, Dr. Dusty R. Johnston, and Mayor Joe Wyatt plant the Mount Vernon Red Maple tree at Ozarka College in Mountain View during the Arbor Day Celebration.
Applications are still available for the Academic All-Star Scholarship. To be eligible, students must have completed twelve credit hours toward an Associate degree, be enrolled fulltime at Ozarka and plan to be enrolled fulltime through Spring 2007. They also must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25. This $500 scholarship will be awarded and the recipient will be honored at the Academic All-Star Brunch during the AATYC Fall Conference in Hot Springs in October of 2006. For an application, please contact Joanna Fulbright at 368-2064 or jfulbright@ozarka.edu.

Another opportunity available to any Ozarka College student who is enrolled at least half time during the 2006-2007 academic year, is the Arkansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (AASFAA) Scholarship. There are two $500 non-renewable stipends available and winners will be selected at a random drawing during the 2006 Spring AASFAA Conference. Applications are available in the Financial Aid office of the Main Building, or call them at 368-2009 or 2010.

**Remember, the deadline for both of this scholarships is April 15.**