Reception for Miller & Weaver at Ozarka

Ozarka College in Melbourne will host a reception on Friday, December 3, 2004 to recognize the legislative efforts of local State Representative Paul Weaver and State Senator Paul Miller.

According to Ozarka President Doug Rush, “We want to show our appreciation to Representative Weaver and Senator Miller for all the support they have offered to our community, and particularly to Ozarka College. Both have provided strong leadership during their legislative tenure and represented us well.” Rush stated that the general public is invited to attend the reception.

Weaver, who represents District 71, served as Izard County Judge for fourteen years and has held various other public offices. He has served on the House of Representatives since 1999. His district includes Independence, Izard and Stone counties in North Central Arkansas. Within the legislature, Weaver has been the co-chair for the Joint Budget Committee and sat on several other committees including the House Education Committee.

Senator Miller will continue into the upcoming legislative session representing District 10 which includes Ozarka’s service area (Izard, Fulton, Sharp, and Stone counties). Since joining the senate in 2000, Miller has also served on the joint budget committee and chaired the legislative policy making committee and the senate insurance and commerce committee among others.

The reception is open to any interested parties. Refreshments will be served at 1:00 p.m. in the small dining room of the main building. The public is also invited to see the expansion to the college’s library as well as the fitness education center which was recently added in the Miller Education Complex.
November 11th marked Veterans Day and the annual Veteran’s Day Ceremony in the John E. Miller Auditorium.

Tate Lawrence again was the organizer and host for the event in recognition of the area veterans.

State Senator Paul Miller offered the invocation and Autumn Guthrie, Melbourne High School student, sang an a cappella version of the National Anthem.

Guest speaker for the ceremony this year was Noble Wiles of Sidney, a World War II veteran who was in Normandy. He stressed the importance of the price that soldiers have made, both in the past and present, for the freedom Americans enjoy. “Freedom is not free, the price is the blood of American soldiers.”

Again this year the Melbourne High School Band performed patriotic music and Taps was played in honor of fallen soldiers. Rayburn Findley closed the ceremony with a short prayer.

Through December 3rd, the Ozarka College Student Council members are collecting coats and other warm articles of clothing to donate to those in need in the area.

Items being collected include coats, sweaters, long johns, sweatshirts, quilts, and blankets.

Members ask that the items be clean so they can distribute them directly to the new owners.

Collection is taking place in the student center building. PTK is also still collecting toys for the Toys for Tots collection drive. Those items can be placed in collection boxes set up on all three campuses.

In Ash Flat and Mountain View, boxes are located in the main office; and in Melbourne outside Mrs. Thornsberry’s office in the Miller Education Complex. Collection will continue through December 10th.

Ozarka College will offer a one-semester certificate program in early childhood education during the Spring 2005 term. Amy Pinkston, Director of the Ozarka Kids Academy, will teach the courses necessary for this certificate. The program, designed for those childcare professionals trained in Child Care Orientation (CCOT), is recognized as national credentialing for Child Development Associates (CDA).

Students enrolled in the CDA program will meet on the Melbourne campus from 2-5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from January 11 through May 26. Courses include Fundamentals of Early Childhood Education, Child Development and Healthy, Safe Learning Environment. In addition, students will complete a practicum which involves working at an approved childcare setting.

Some scholarship funds are available from the Arkansas Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education. For more information about this training, call Ozarka College at 870-368-7371 or 800-821-4335.
Finals Schedule for Fall 2004

If your class meets: ............................................................................................................. Then your final is:

MWF - 8:00 a.m ...................................................................................................................... Monday, December 6 - 8:00-10:00 a.m.
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T Th - 9:30 a.m ................................................................................................................... Thursday, December 9 - 9:00-11:00 a.m.
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Final exams for any class that meets one (1) day per week are scheduled during finals week at their regular hour.

Dr. Pittman’s AETN finals will be given on December 12.

Students may request a change in time for an exam, if three or more are scheduled for the same day.

Ozarka Installs Pepsi Machines

In order to better serve Ozarka College student needs, Ozarka and Pepsi have installed Pepsi beverage machines in locations around the Melbourne campus. There are machines located in the Miller Building, the Adult Ed/Nursing Building, the Student Center, and the lobby between the bookstore and library.

Once the new facilities at Ash Flat and Mountain View have opened, Pepsi will also place machines in those locations. Available flavors are Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Dr. Pepper, Diet Dr. Pepper, Sierra Mist, Aquafina Water

Pepsi is a proud supporter of the Ozarka College Foundation Board.
Ozarka College Student Ambassador Bobby Switzer gives remarks about his positive experience as a student to guests at a breakfast sponsored by the Ozarka Foundation Board. The fundraiser generated several thousand dollars toward placing a science lab in the new Ozarka facility currently being constructed in Mountain View. Comments were also provided by former student Katie Hinkle and Alumni, Wayne Dixon.

Top: Bobby Switzer.
Far Left: The “River Rats”: Don Mellon and Don Jones.
Left: Susan Kemp, Foundation Member from Mountain View provided introductions during the program.