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Spring Enrollment Remains Consistent

Enrollment at Ozarka College continues to be stable as indicated by final registration figures for the Spring 2005 semester. After reaching a record spring enrollment last year of 947, student enrollment for the current semester is 920.

At the annual Counselor and Ambassador luncheon hosted by the Ozarka College Admissions Department this week, Vice President for Student Services, Ron Helm, announced to area high school counselors that concurrent enrollment again reached a record number. "Concurrent student enrollment continues to rise and Ozarka credits a great deal of this continued growth to its relationship with the area high schools and counselors." Concurrent students are those high school students in the four-county service area who take advantage of college courses Ozarka College offers.

Helm says the vision for future growth in concurrent student enrollment has several aspects. "The Secondary Career Center that the college is in the process of establishing to service high school students in select technical fields; continuing the College Now! Program which has offered credit for certain coursework for the past four years; and utilizing the technology of compressed video to reach high school students will contribute to future increase of concurrent students."

This semester's freshmen enrollment also surpassed the 2004 spring figures. The hard work of Ozarka's Admissions Counselor and Recruiter, Randy Scaggs is due a lot of the credit for this trend. "Randy has established a great working relationship with the area counselors and has worked hard in streamlining his recruiting efforts," states Helm.

Other areas of the institution that continually improve and result in the consistency of enrollment is the quality and affordable instruction, technological advances with additional web-based classes and distance learning, financial aid and scholarship opportunities, and the philosophy of keeping students as priority by all faculty, staff and administrators.

With new facilities opening later this year in Sharp and Stone counties, Ozarka will have the ability to accommodate an even greater number of students and classes. College officials are confident that enrollment will continue to reflect the commitment to increase opportunities for students in North Central Arkansas.

Around Campus

- ◆ **Collegiate Ministry Meetings** are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall with Brother Bob Stewart.
- ◆ **PBL Meeting** - Thursday, March 10th 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room)
- ◆ **PBL Red Cross Blood Drive** the same day in the Lobby of the Miller Auditorium
- ◆ **King Arthur and the Magic Sword** - March 24th 10AM
- ◆ **SAEA Meeting**-Thursday, March 24th 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room)

Spring Break
is the
Week of
March 14-18
Enjoy!

Lunch Served 11AM-12:15PM Daily.
Cost: \$3.00 or \$3.50 with dessert.

MENU:

During the week of 3/7 -3/11
Chef's Choice

3/14 -3/18
Spring Break



Left: Ozarka Admissions Counselor, Randy Scaggs and Highland H.S. Counselor, Mickey Oliver.



Right: Ozarka's own Judy Sharp and Gin Brown.



Photo of a Ginkgo tree in the Fall.

Ozarka to Celebrate Arbor Day March 23

Ozarka College will celebrate Arbor Day on March 23 with an event entitled "Planting for Tomorrow".

There will be a historic tree planted on the campus in Melbourne and Ozarka's new campus in Ash Flat.

The particular trees that will be planted during the celebration are Harry Truman Ginkgos which were purchased from Historic Trees.org.

The celebration begins on the Melbourne campus at 10:45 AM, and will move to Ash Flat's new facility where a ginkgo will be planted at 2:00 PM.

Another ginkgo will be planted during the Fall 2005 semester on the new campus in Mountain View, when construction is complete on that facility.

The Arkansas Forestry Commission has provided

100 Red Bud seedlings that will be available to those attending the celebration. There will be fifty given out at each location.

All students, employees and friends of the college are invited to attend this event.

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

Computer Class at Ozarka - Ash Flat

A non-credit beginner's computer class is scheduled to begin March 24 at Ozarka College's Sharp County Center located in the Remington Plaza at Ash Flat. This class is being provided by the Department of Continuing Education and will be taught by instructor Bret Burquest. Classes will meet once weekly in the computer lab at the Ozarka Education

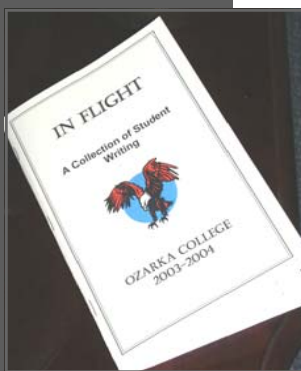
Center in Ash Flat.

Beginning Computer Skills is scheduled to meet from 1 -3 p.m. on Thursday afternoons starting March 24th. This ten-hour course will cover fundamentals of using the computer such as creating files, saving documents, using the internet, etc. Persons with very limited computer knowledge would benefit

most from the material to be presented in this class. Tuition is \$60.00 and the course ends on April 21.

Because limited space will be available for this course, pre-registration is required. To register, contact Karla Rush at 870-368-7371.

In Flight Available Now



The Ozarka College English Department has a publication that is distributed each year, entitled *In Flight, A Collection of Student Writing*. The publication is based on submissions by students of stories, poetry, or essays over the past year.

The department awards a scholarship to one of the students based upon their work.

The booklets are available from the English instructors or in the front administrative office in the Main Building at Ozarka in Melbourne.

The scholarship selection com-

mittee is in the process of selecting this year's recipient and an announcement will be made in the next few weeks.

If any student is interested in submitting their work for the next edition of *In Flight*, please contact one of the English instructors.

Ozarka Instructor Contributes to Textbook



Ozarka Developmental Coordinator and Instructor, Bettie Estes, was recently asked to be on an advisory board for Houghton Mifflin Company, which publish Dave Ellis' "Becoming a Master Student." This textbook is at Ozarka College for Becoming a Master Student / Quest courses. Estes, a seasoned educator, who

has used this book since she began teaching at Ozarka five years ago, contacted the company to make a couple of suggestions for ways she thought the text could be improved. "I just had some practical ideas to make the book more student friendly. For example, I suggested using a non-glare paper in the book for easier readability."

The company not only took some of her suggestions, but contacted her about being on their advisory board and reviewing other parts of the textbook.

As a result of Estes' involvement, her name will appear in the next edition of "Becoming a Master Student" as a contributor. Although she is modest about her role in the publication, her concern for educating students has led to improvements in a textbook that affect many Ozarka College students. It also allowed her the opportunity to attend a conference last month in Louisiana for instructors in her field to enhance her ability to teach as well as enhancing the learning experience for her students.

"I just had some practical ideas to make the book more student friendly."
-Bettie Estes

Scholarship Opportunities at Ozarka

With spring approaching, the Ozarka College Admissions Office reminds anyone who is planning to attend Ozarka in Fall 2005 about the many scholarship opportunities available to them. The application deadlines are quickly approaching for these stipends. Along with numerous national, regional and state-level scholarships, there are several scholarships that are exclusive to Ozarka College and its service area.

First National Banking Company (FNBC) began awarding a \$4,000 scholarship last year for an Ozarka College student within the FNBC service area. The scholarship recipient is awarded \$1,000.00 for tuition, fees and/or books for their first semester of attendance at Ozarka. The FNBC scholarship will then be renewed up to three semesters providing the student completes 12 credit hours each semester with a minimum grade point average of 2.75. The deadline to apply is April 20th.

The John E. Miller scholarship, which

was established by the Batesville Area Chamber of Commerce in 1998, awards a \$500 per semester scholarship to an Ozarka College student. The stipend may be renewed for up to three semesters as long as the recipient is enrolled full-time and maintains at least a 3.00 grade point average at the college. The deadline to apply is April 20th.

The English Department at Ozarka College is awarding its sixth annual writing competition scholarship to two high school seniors in Izard, Fulton, Sharp, and Stone counties. These students will be selected as winners of writing competition and will each be awarded a one-year, full tuition scholarship to Ozarka College. Winning essays are also published in Ozarka College's collection of student writings entitled *In Flight*. The deadline to apply is April 5th.

A new opportunity entitled the Mature Woman's Grant is available to women over the age of 20 residing in the north central Arkansas area by the Spring River Branch of the National

League of American Pen Women (NLAPW). This stipend provides financial aid in the amount of \$500 to an Arkansas female who exhibits exceptional talent and motivation in an area of the fine arts, such as art, music or writing. This scholarship is not exclusive to Ozarka College, but will be paid to the institution of the recipient's choice. The application deadline is March 15th. For guidelines and/or to apply, contact the Spring River Branch of NLAPW at 870-257-5558, 870-966-4704, or contact Ozarka College Admissions Department at 870-368-7371.

Candidates for the scholarships must be admitted as a student of Ozarka College, complete the Ozarka College Scholarship Application Packet, and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For further information on any of these scholarships or to apply contact the Admissions Office at 870-368-7371, or pick up the applications at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Ash Flat, or Mountain View.

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Upcoming PTK Activities

The student organization of Phi Theta Kappa will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, March 24 at 10 AM, for the young students of the Ozarka Kids Academy.

A new activity this year for PTK is called Project Graduation. Members of PTK will be collecting children's books during the Ozarka Graduation Ceremony for May 12 from graduates and their guests. These books will then be distributed to the children of each county in the Ozarka service area, through local schools, libraries and literacy programs.

PTK will induct its new members in their induction ceremony on April 5th at 11 AM in the Lecture Hall of the Miller Education Complex with a reception to follow in the John E. Miller Room. Orientation for the new members is March 29.

