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THE RAZOR'S EDGE

TERM II 2007

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Don't Chuck It: Recycling Computers, Other Electronic Equipment Is Now Free and Easy

Electronic equipment can become obsolete almost overnight. Your desktop computer is replaced by a laptop. Your laptop is replaced by a better laptop. Who needs that Gameboy when you have a Wii? And a year-old cellphone? Does anyone have a year-old cell phone?

The problem is that simply throwing away an electronic device - any electronic device - is bad for the environment, but there's been no easy way to recycle things. Until now.

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and UNICOR, the Recycling Business Group are working together on a free

recycling program for a wide array of consumer electronic equipment. The program is called Green-Fed II.

The program is available to anyone in Arkansas, but at the University of Arkansas, environmental officials say Green-Fed II will be especially valuable.

"I think the Green-Fed II Program is perfect for students," said Gary Enzor, recycling coordinator for the university campus. "This program allows them to recycle their electronic waste at no cost. This is timely in light of the fact that electronic waste is now banned from Arkansas landfills."

To use the "e-scrap" recycling program all you have to do is go to the Green-Fed II Web site at <http://www.unicor.gov/recycling/greenfed/>. There you can get a pre-paid UPS shipping label. The Web site also has all the information you need about which items can be recycled and how they should be packaged for shipping.

Then all you have to do is box up your old computer, broken television set, dysfunctional Play Station or embarrassing cell phone and take it to the nearest UPS store. That's a little more work than chucking it all in a dumpster - but it's much better for the environment and it's legal!

OMGT Website Information

Some of you often ask me for information that can easily be found on our website. I'd like to take a moment to get you acquainted with the resources that are available online.

- * Registration dates and class schedule
- * Faculty/Staff contact information
- * Student handbook for Fayetteville students
- * Withdrawal forms
- * Link to the UA library
- * Special Problems information and proposal form
- * Link to MBS Direct (where you can buy textbooks online)
- * Comprehensive exam information
- * Certificate options
- * Course descriptions and book information
- * Link to UA Financial Aid Office



Check out our website at www.opnsmgmt.uark.edu

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ◆ 10/17/07: Term II classes begin
- ◆ 11/09/07: Comprehensive Exams
- ◆ 11/22/07: Thanksgiving
- ◆ 12/10/07: Registration for Term III begins
- ◆ 12/12/07: Term II classes end
- ◆ 12/24/07-1/1/08: University closed

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Textbook Reminder



REMEMBER: Textbooks are not available at the bookstore on campus. The only textbooks available for rental are those for the Intro class and the pre-req courses.

Our 8-week terms do not fit well with the regular U of A academic schedule so the bookstore on campus usually does not carry books for OMGT courses. Books are available from MBS Direct. I've included a brochure with more information.

If you choose to purchase your books from other

sources (such as ebay or Barnes & Noble), be sure that you are getting the correct edition. ISBN numbers are listed in the course catalog attached with registration and on our website. International editions are often cheaper, but many do not contain the same information as the US versions. It is wise to stay away from international editions.

Since books are not available on campus, please order your books as soon as you receive confirmation from me that I have enrolled you in classes. MBS offers expedited shipping, but you don't want to wait until the last minute and fall too far behind in class! Also, I do not have copies of textbooks on hand to loan out if you do not order your book on time.

Student Spotlight: Steve Roberson



Steve Roberson is currently enrolled in his fourth term of the OMGT program, with an estimated completion date of March 2008. He is seeking a certificate in Business Management. Steve's hometown is El Dorado, AR, and he holds a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Louisiana Tech

University.

Steve has just over twenty years work experience in manufacturing and has held positions in four US corporations. His last position ended with plant closure due to offshoring. Taking advantage of severance and federal benefits has enabled him to return to school and to turn a negative life event into something positive. After graduation, he hopes to pursue either entrepreneurship or a new career in the service sector.

Steve has been married for twenty-two years. His wife, Sarah, is a librarian at Fayetteville High School, and they have a daughter, Amanda, who is in the sixth grade. Steve and Amanda often compete on grades. Steve recently accompanied Amanda on a trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City. They attended a book reading and autograph session by J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter stories. They did plenty of walking as they explored famous sites around the city.

Keep us posted! Have you gotten married, had a baby, received a promotion, run a marathon, caught a BIG fish, etc...? Email your news, announcements and pictures to omgtfay@uark.edu to share with your OMGT classmates!

Certificate Options

Have you checked the courses that you've taken to see if you are eligible for a certificate? You can concentrate in Business Management, Industrial Management, Human Resource Management or Safety and Health Care Management. Six of the courses marked with an "x" must be taken in order to receive the respective certificate in each area of concentration. Courses marked "required" are required for that certificate.

	BUSINESS	INDUSTRIAL	HUMAN RESOURCE	SAFETY & HEALTH CARE
4303 Safety		x	x	required
4583 Automation		x		
4613 Inventory		x		
4623 Strategic	x		x	x
4783 Proj Mgmt		x		
4873 Prin of OR		x		
5013 Supply Chain	x	x		
5113 HR	x		required	x
5123 Finance	required	x	x	x
5133 Service Sector		x		
5143 Contemp. HR			x	
5223 Safety		x		x
5303 Health Care			x	required
5373 Quality		x		
5423 Global	x	x		
5433 Cost Est.	x	x		
5463 Economic	x	x		
5503 Maintenance		x		
5733 Human Beh.			x	x
5773 Spec. Prob.	required	required	required	required
5823 Computer	x			
5873 Organization	x		x	x

Other News & Announcements

E-Recruiting Available to UA Students

Did you know that the University of Arkansas has over 500 jobs posted on eRecruiting right now and that students have access to the site? Your eRecruiting "username" is your full uark log-in name and your "password" is the word password. Get into eRecruiting and find a job at <https://uark.erecruiting.com/> There are jobs waiting for all majors. Have questions? Call the Career Development Center at 575-2805.

Two Fayetteville students are currently in Iraq. Please keep James Cherry and Jennifer Harrelson in your thoughts. Let's all hope for their safe return home soon!

REMEMBER, YOU'LL GET YOUR CHOICE OF A T-SHIRT, CAP OR OTHER ITEM FOR EVERY APPLICANT YOU REFER!

WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Term II enrollments for the Fayetteville site set a new record! Fayetteville students enrolled in over 100 seats for Term II courses! I know many of you have been spreading the word about our program. Come by my office for posters, brochures, schedules, etc. to post at work or share with your colleagues. Thank you for your help in recruiting!



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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT

The **Operations Management Master of Science** program at the University of Arkansas focuses on the essential concepts, methods and tools needed to successfully manage work processes and people in a wide spectrum of organizations, including business/industry, military, government and non-profit. Geared toward the working student who typically holds a professional or management position in an organizational setting, the program offers live evening classes that meet in five 8-week terms per year. Courses are also available in DVD/CD, online and independent study formats.

The Operations Management curriculum emphasizes practical knowledge in such areas as project planning, quality management, economic decision-making, supply chain management, human behavior analysis, operations research, and many other areas of importance to today's manager. Students are able to select from over 20 courses to make up the ten required to complete the degree. Through course selection students can also earn certificates in areas of specialization such as **Industrial Management, Business Management, Human Resource Management, or Health & Safety Management**. The University of Arkansas is accredited as a graduate degree granting institution by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

We're on the Web!
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Meet Your Professor: Dr. Lou Adler

Raised in San Diego and accustomed to surfing at the beach, Dr. Lou Adler was in for quite a shock upon moving to New York to attend Cornell University. He says he had never seen so much "white stuff" in his life. His BS and ME are both from Cornell and his Ph.D. in the field of plant automation (process control) is from Purdue.

One of Dr. Adler's specialties is project management. Dr. Adler has managed projects as small as \$50,000 and 6 weeks in duration and as large as \$75 million and 8 weeks in length. He has managed people locally, throughout the US and in international locations. He has applied his 36 years of industrial experience in the development of subject

matter for OMGT 4783 Project Analysis and Control, which he is teaching this term.

Dr. Adler has worked for Texas Instruments, International Paper, Asea Brown-Boveri (ABB), Invensys and Schweitzer Engineering. His most interesting assignments have been managing International Paper's OMCS project which was a technology transfer program to facilitate the implementation of modern process controls in the company's pulp and paper mills; and ABB's TOPs Reuse Program, which involved the deployment of a new business process for the sharing of applications among thirteen countries in North America, Europe, Scandinavia, SE Asia and South America.



This is Dr. Adler's first time teaching in the OMGT program but he is no stranger to academia. He has taught at the University of Western Michigan and the University of Idaho. His favorite quote is from Edward Abbey - "One man alone can be pretty dumb sometimes, but for real bona fide stupidity, there ain't nothin' can beat teamwork." He relates this to project management by saying, "It is the Project Manager's job to make sure the team does not mess up!"

Dr. Adler enjoys golf, model railroading, fine art and travelling in North America. His favorite destinations are Carmel, CA and Santa Fe, NM.