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Attn: Students ID Cards Are Ready - PICK UP your ID Card in the Library during regular hours: Mon-Thu 8AM-7:30PM and Friday until 3:30PM

Lunch Served 11AM-12:15PM Daily. Cost: \$2.50 or \$3.00 with dessert.

MENU:

- Mon 9/13
Pizza & Salad
- Tue 9/14
Taco Salad
- Wed 9/15
Chimichangas
- Thu 9/16
Veal Parmesan
- Fri 9/17
Reuben Sandwich
- Mon 9/20
Chili Dogs
- Tue 9/21
Deli Roast Beef Sandwich
- Wed 9/22
Grilled Chicken Salad
- Thu 9/23
Beef & Baked Potato
- Fri 9/24
Patty Melt

Construction Progress at Ozarka - Ash Flat

The permanent home of Ozarka College – Ash Flat is taking shape and the building project is on schedule. The bid was awarded to Noacon, Inc. of Fairfield last March on a one year contract.

According to the site supervisor for the job, Mike Chitwood of Noacon, the project is ahead of schedule. “Currently, we are trying to get the building in the dry. The plumbing and electrical is being installed and we are set to begin the drywall work within the next few days.” He adds, “The project is going quite well and we are hopeful that the project will be complete before the March deadline, as long as the weather is cooperative.”

Along with the progress on the interior of the facility, there are crews working on laying the blocks and bricks on the outside of the building. There is also preparation being done on the driveway and parking lot with installation of curbs, guttering and sidewalks.

The 30 acre tract of land located just off Hwy 62/412, on College Drive, near the Ash Flat ball park, was donated to the college by First National Banking Company and Mr. Bob Watson in March of 2002. The 16,000 square foot facility will include six classrooms, a lecture hall, science lab, bookstore, conference room, and office space.

The Ozarka College Foundation office reports that they are in the process of collecting donations toward the Science Lab located inside the new facility. Please contact the Development Office at (870) 994-7273 or come by the temporary office in Remington Plaza for more information regarding the science lab efforts.



Around Campus

- ◆ **Collegiate Ministry Meetings** are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall with Brother Bob Stewart.
- ◆ **Articulation Workshop -** Sep 16 @ 9AM -Miller Building.
- ◆ **Student Council-** Thursday, Sep 16 @ 11AM Miller Compressed Video room C116.
- ◆ **Board of Trustees Meeting** Sep 16th 5PM Board Room.
- ◆ **SAEA -**Thursday Sep. 23@11am Miller Compressed video room.
- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive —** Sep 23 @ 11AM, Miller Complex Auditorium lobby.



Together, we can save a life

TRiO Program Offers Support for OC Students

Through a federally funded grant program, Ozarka College offers services for many of its students. TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) provides academic, financial and personal support to eligible students at Ozarka College to assist them with their educational endeavors.

The services offered by Ozarka's SSS program include: academic advising; financial or supportive counseling referrals; information on chosen educational major and career choices; aptitude and interest inventories; transfer scholarships; tours of four-year colleges and universities; help with admissions, financial aid and faculty advisors at other institutions; one-on-one and group peer tutoring; technology training; informational workshops; and cultural events and trips.

Eligibility for SSS is established through the U.S. Department of Education. Students applying for the program must meet one of the following qualifications: low income, be a first

generation college student, or be an individual with a disability. Program participants must also be pursuing an eventual four-year degree and be a U.S. citizen or meet residency requirements.

Ozarka College has four staff members in the SSS Department. Carol Sellars serves as Interim Program Director, Deltha Shell is the Academic Advising Coordinator, Micah Barger is Tutoring Coordinator and Shelia Titus is the Program Secretary.

According to Sellars, "We are excited about the new year in Student Support Services. There are many wonderful opportunities for eligible students to receive support in order to succeed in post-secondary education. The SSS staff members along with the support of Ozarka Administrators work together to ensure that each student meets his or her educational goals."

The SSS department has several activities planned for this semester includ-

ing new student workshops, student career assessments, goals and skill assessments, several transfer trips in October, and a cultural trip to the Wonders Exhibit at the Pyramid in Memphis later this month.

Currently, SSS is processing new applicants. Any Ozarka College student who meets the eligibility requirements is encouraged to apply. For more information call TRiO SSS at 870-368-2036.

Ozarka College's TRiO Student Support Services program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Federal TRiO Programs. The 2004-2005 funded award is \$257,326. All activities and services offered to the students in SSS are made possible through these grant funds. Announcement made in accordance with Public Law 105-78 Sec. 508.



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Gourmet Café Set for September 24



Photo from last Spring's first Gourmet Café event, which was a huge success.

The first *Gourmet Café* of the year will be held on Friday, September 24th in the Culinary Arts Department (Room C120) of the John E. Miller Education Complex.

According to Ozarka Culinary Instructor, Chef Rick Tankersley, "after the success of our first

Gourmet Café events last Spring, the advanced culinary students wanted to offer the experience again. The idea behind *Gourmet Café* is an upscale menu that features at least four courses. The offerings will reflect the current trends in fine dining and allow dinner guests to taste multiple selections that are not available in the area." He adds, "The entrée for the first gourmet café will be seafood stuffed salmon."

With extremely limited seating for approximately 25 guests, reservations will be on a "first

come, first serve" basis. For more information on cost or to reserve a space, please call 870-368-2062.

The Culinary students are also set to begin a fundraiser to help offset expenses for them to attend the SkillsUSA competition. Students will be selling Fruit Pie Candles for \$5 each. Call 368-2062 for more information.

New Faculty Announced at Ozarka

Ozarka College has recently introduced four new full-time faculty members. Beginning this Fall semester, Donna Adams, Craig Keller, and Tracie Morris began teaching for the college. During the Spring 2004 semester, Cheri McKee-McSwain transitioned into a full-time faculty member.

Donna Adams was hired as a Nursing Instructor this Fall. However, she is not a newcomer to Ozarka College. She and husband, Dennis, are both graduates from the LPN program at Ozarka College. Subsequently, they graduated the ASU/Ozarka Registered Nursing program via interactive video. Donna considers Melbourne her hometown, but she and her family currently live in Salem where Dennis works for the Fulton County Nursing Center as Medicare Coordinator. Donna has worked in the health care industry in many different roles, including; home health, hospitals, hospice care, and she has taught CNA courses.

They have three children and two grandchildren. Two daughters, who have both attended Ozarka College; and a son who recently graduated from Salem High School and is attending Williams Baptist College. Donna says she has taken to her new role as an instructor like a "duck to water!" She does admit she has a lot to learn, but is really excited to be back at Ozarka College.

Another former Ozarka College student has returned as an instructor. Tracie Morris was hired over the summer as a Science Instructor. She graduated from Ozarka with her Associate of Arts degree and transferred to ASU in Jonesboro where she obtained a bachelors degree in science. She has spent the past three years in Memphis working in the Pathology Department at St. Jude Children's Research Center.

She and her husband, Christopher and their three young children are

currently residing in Batesville. Tracie is teaching Biology and Biology labs, Microbiology and Microbiology labs, and Anatomy and Physiology labs. She says it is going great so far, and adds, "I am in the field of science due in part to my science instructor at Ozarka, Joan Stirling, whom I feel is my mentor." Stirling taught science for several years at Ozarka College and is now Director of Planning and Special Projects.



Cheri McKee-McSwain



Donna Adams



Tracie Morris



Craig Keller

New Education instructor, Craig Keller is a seasoned educator. In fact, he retired in June from teaching and being an administrator in the State of Illinois for 38 years. After his mother-in-law who lives in Horseshoe Bend heard of the opening at Ozarka College, she informed Keller and he is now an Arkansan and full-time Ozarka faculty member. Included in his many educational experiences was serving as principal for an alternative school; coaching, teaching, and athletic director at the secondary level; career and technical director, athletic/academic monitor and pitching coach at the college level.

His wife, Brenda, is also in education. She is a counselor for Carbondale Community High School in Carbondale, Illinois. They have five children, two of whom have followed in Craig and Brenda's footsteps as educators. Craig also boasts two grandchildren. According to Keller, "Ozarka is awesome! The staff, faculty and administration have been very supportive and extremely nice to this new kid on the block, and the students are committed and passionate towards teaching. I look forward to assisting them in whatever way possible."

Another faculty member, Cheri McKee-McSwain, has been with Ozarka College for a year. She transitioned last Spring semester from part time adjunct to a fulltime instructor, teaching communications, speech, beginning and practical writing, and master student courses. Actually, she first came to Ozarka College to be a student, thinking she would change her career to nursing. Upon finding out that McKee-McSwain had two master degrees, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Linda Morgan offered her a couple of classes to teach. She has now decided that teaching is her niche and says she feels very comfortable in the role.

Cheri came to the State of Arkansas two years ago from the State of Missouri, after a friend from Mountain View introduced her to the area. She now lives in a cabin overlooking the White River in Sylamore. Her educational background includes a Masters in Business Administration from Rockhurst College in Kansas City and a Masters in Media Communications from Webster University. McKee-McSwain has a grown daughter, Mollie who is currently in the State of New York. She is also an animal lover and has and several dogs and cats.

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Ozarka Foundation Golf Benefit Attracts Area Sponsors

Coopers' Hawk Golf Club in Melbourne will host a 4-person golf scramble on Saturday, October 2nd for Ozarka College's Foundation Board of Directors. Proceeds from the benefit will be directed toward the College's scholarship and endowment fund.

The 18-hole tournament is scheduled for a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Entry fee for a four-person team is \$200.00 and includes cart and lunch. Again this year, First National Banking Company is the major corporate sponsor for the tournament, along with Met Life Investments.

Other sponsors to date include: Brad Wheelis, DDS; CenturyTel; Conley Ford; Cordells Athletics, Eastern Ozarks Regional Health System; Fred Lamb – State Farm Insurance; Freedom Ford; Goings and Associates; Harold Jeffery; Hardy Insurance Company; Jim Haney-State Farm Insurance; King-Rhoades Real Estate / King-Rhoades Rentals; Kissee Law Firm; Liberty Bank of Arkansas; Mark's Pharmacy, Miller's Supermarket; NAEC; Premier Home Furnishings; Sears of Ash Flat; Sonic of Melbourne; Tate Lawrence Chevrolet; Wal-Mart of Mountain View; United Country – Cotham & Company; Melbourne Country Store; Patterson Insurance and Village Exxon Service Center.

The Ozarka Foundation Board is an approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Donations made to the Foundation and toward the golf tournament are tax-deductible. The Board sponsors this event each year to raise monies primarily to provide scholarships to Ozarka students. For more information, call 368-7371.

