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Lunch Served 11AM-12:30 PM Daily.

NEW MENU OPTIONS in the Dining Room!!!

Check my.Ozarka each week for the most accurate menu selections each day.

Mon. 1/14
Catfish
Tue. 1/15
Sweet and Sour Pork
Wed. 1/16
Mexican Plate
Thu. 1/17
Ham Sandwich w/
Potato Soup
Fri. 1/18
Chicken strips & FF

Hamburger, Chicken Strips, or Salad may also be available each day. Prices vary.

Spring Semester Underway

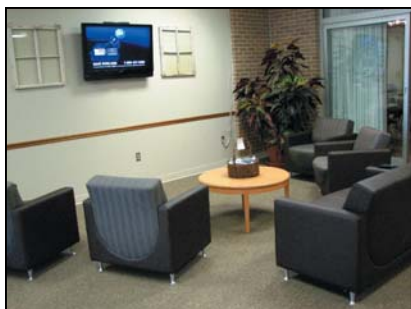
As the 2008 Spring semester starts getting busy with homework and tests, Ozarka hopes students will take advantage of the many services and activities available. There are student clubs and organizations that meet throughout the semester. If students are taking classes in Ash Flat and Mountain View, clubs meet in the interactive video rooms so all can participate. Days and times can always be found in this newsletter in the "Around Campus" section or on the new campus calendar that is available at ozarka.edu or watch the announcements section of my.ozarka.edu.

There are several student services available at no cost for students who qualify. Those are Trio/Student Support Services as well as Career Pathways. For eligibility requirements to these programs, contact Trio at 368-2036 or stop by their office in the Miller Building; or Career Pathways at 368-2041 or their office located in the Administration Building. Representatives for each of these programs are also available in Ash Flat and Mountain View at varying times throughout the week.

In addition to these beneficial state and federally funded grant programs, Ozarka is in the process of making more services and tools available to any Ozarka College student, through a Student Success Center. Services in the Success Center will include: tutoring, career planning and placement, and resume writing, to name a few. This will be free to any student enrolled at Ozarka. More details will be available soon.

For students on any financial aid, the first Pell disbursement checks will be available January 31st and first student loan checks will be available the following week. In order for the Finance department to get aid money ready quicker, please check your [my.ozarka](http://my.ozarka.edu) account instead of calling their office. When your check is ready you will have a message. Students at Ash Flat and Mountain View may request checks be sent to their respective campus. The Finance Department appreciates your patience and consideration.

The new Student Center located in the Administration Building between the Business office and Student Services is complete. There are computers available, as well as Wi-Fi for those students with laptops, a widescreen television equipped with satellite, tables and chairs for studying; and other areas for socializing or taking a break between classes. Administration has worked hard to make the area a welcoming place and hopes students will utilize the area.



Ozarka College Main Campus Student Center



Around Campus

- ◆ **Collegiate Ministry Meetings** are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall.
- ◆ **Student Council** meets every second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be 2/12 11:00 AM Compressed Video C116 and CVM in Ash Flat or Mtn. View.
- ◆ **FBLA HS Competition Day** Jan 30t beginning at 8AM.
- ◆ **Ben Franklin Flies a Kite** Jan 24th @10AM Auditorium.

FOR THE MOST CURRENT EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS CHECK THE ONLINE CAMPUS CALENDAR AT WWW.OZARKA.EDU UNDER NEWS & EVENTS

Entergy and Single Parent Committee Award Scholarships



The Sharp and Fulton County Single Parent Scholarship committee recently awarded the Entergy Scholarships to Ronda Harper (pictured second from right) of Ash Flat and Martha Flores (third from right) of Cherokee Village. Ronda and Martha each received \$500.00 for their

college expenses. Ronda is currently in her second semester of Ozarka's 18 month Practical Nursing program. Martha graduated from Ozarka with an Associate of Arts degree in May of 2007 and is now enrolled at ASU Jonesboro majoring in social work. Her hope is to eventually obtain her master's degree. The purpose of the scholarship program is to provide supplemental financial assistance to single parents who are pursuing a college degree to increase their earning potential. Presenting the Entergy Scholarships were Les Frensey, Entergy

Arkansas (far right), Dwight Sharp, DHS Fulton County Administrator and Single Parent Scholarship Fund committee member; and Karla Rush, Director of Advancement at Ozarka College. For more information about this scholarship fund, contact Sharp at 870-895-3309. The website for the Single Parent Scholarship Fund is www.aspsf.org and applications are available online.

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Ozarka Foundation Appoints New Board Members

The Ozarka College Foundation Board of Directors appointed two new members at its quarterly meeting held December 3, 2007. Beth McEntire of Ash Flat and Donna Sullivan of Mountain View were unanimously appointed to serve the Foundation board.

McEntire is employed at Hometown Radio (KSAR, KFCM, and Kool Radio) and is an active member of the Spring River Area Chamber of Commerce, Ash Flat City Council, Cherokee Village Business Association and the Sharp County Economic Development. Beth has two sons: Joe and Jeff. Jeff and his wife Kara McEntire have twin daughters: Mallory and Kenzie who are two years old.

Sullivan is retired school teacher. She and her husband, Larry (who is an adjunct instructor for Ozarka College) are members of the Methodist Church in Mountain View where Donna serves on the scholarship committee. She is also a volunteer for Stone County Medical Center and has already assisted with Ozarka Foundation events; as well serving on the board for New Horizons Daycare. Larry and Donna have one son, Brian who works for the US Forestry Service. His wife, Jessica is a school teacher at Mountain View Public School.

Beth
McEntire



Donna
Sullivan



Ozarka - Ash Flat Construction



Ozarka College - Ash Flat is expanding to include a 9,200 square foot facility to house a nursing lab and classroom, study center, general classrooms, offices, and a student center and cyber café.

College officials broke ground on December 4th, but actual ground preparation had already begun by the general contractor, Tate General Contractors of Jonesboro. Rico Harris of Harris Architecture in Hot Springs designed the facility (pictured left).

The Ozarka College Board of Trustees, along with president, Dr. Dusty R. Johnston (pictured right) were on hand for the groundbreaking ceremony held in Ash Flat in conjunction with the Holiday Open house on December 4th. Johnston briefly welcomed the many guests, then Ash Flat mayor, Danny Traw and former Foundation Board Chair and FNBC president, Marty Sellars

spoke before the ceremonial ground-breaking.



According to campus coordinator, James Spurlock, "contractors are nearly finished pouring the foundations and are building the forms and beginning to install the plumbing, electrical, etc. in preparation to pour the floor pad."



The target date of completion is August of 2008.

January is National Stalking Awareness Month

For the fifth consecutive year the Senate has passed a resolution designating January as National Stalking Awareness Month. The bill was introduced by U.S. Senators Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D-DE) and Susan Collins (R-ME). Senator Biden explains that stalking is something that leaves a victim fearful 24 hours a day and that a victim never feels safe, even at home. Senator Collins states that many experts conclude that there is a strong relationship between stalking and violence toward women and National Stalking Awareness Month will help raise awareness about this serious and potentially deadly crime.

A stalking fact sheet from the Stalking Resource Center (www.ncvc.org/src) reveals some of the sobering facts related to this crime:

- 1,006,970 women and 370,990 men are stalked annually in the U.S.
- 77% of female and 45% of male victims know their stalkers
- 59% of female and 30% of male victims are stalked by an intimate partner
- The average duration of stalking is 1.8 years; 2.2 years if intimate partners are involved

- 2/3 of stalkers pursue their victims at least once per week, many daily, using more than one method
- 76% of intimate partner femicide (murder) victims had been stalked by their intimate partner
- 54% of femicide victims reported stalking to police before they were killed by their stalkers
- Stalking is a crime under the laws of all 50 states

For more information on stalking, see the Stalking Resource Center website at www.ncvc.org or the Ozarka College website at www.ozarka.edu under For Students > Student Activities > Groups > Women's Advocacy > Weekly Postings. Also, contact Terri Bennett on the Ash Flat Campus, Joan Stirling on the Melbourne Campus or Gin Brown on the Mountain View Campus.

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Student Teaching Underway for AAT Grads

Eight graduates of Ozarka College's Associate of Arts in Teaching program will begin their student teaching experience in the Spring 2008 semester as part of their curriculum to graduate from Arkansas Tech University with their bachelor degrees in education.

Ozarka College began an Associate of Arts in Teaching Degree program in 2002. Arkansas Tech agreed to deliver the upper level courses via Internet, allowing students to stay in this area to obtain a four year degree.

Ozarka College's AAT Coordinator, Michelle Cooper has worked diligently to organize the students with area schools and she will be observing each of these students during the semester as they practice the skills of teaching in a real classroom.

Pictured back row left to right: Connie Bednar of Batesville will be student teaching at Batesville – Central Magnet School; Amanda Bledsoe of Mount Pleasant will be student teaching at Mount Pleasant Elementary; Kasie Branscum of Mountain View will student teach at Timbo Elementary; and Mary Downs of Batesville will student teach at Batesville – Eagle Mountain Magnet.



Front row left to right: Kelly Hopper of Batesville will student teach at Batesville, Central Magnet School; Brittney Mitchell will of North Little Rock will student teach at Timbo Elementary; Ashley Smith of Batesville has not been assigned a school at print; and Judy Smith of Evening Shade will teach at Mount Pleasant Elementary.

For more information on the Associate of Arts in Teaching program at Ozarka College, please contact Admissions at 870-368-7371 or toll free 800-821-4335.