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

MENU:

Mon 1/16

Pork Chops

Tue 1/17

Taco Salad

Wed 1/18

Mexican Chicken

Thu 1/19

Catfish

Fri 1/20

Hamburger

Mon 1/23

Chicken Parmesan

Tue 1/24

Spaghetti

Wed 1/25

Reuben Sandwich

Thu 1/26

Beef Stroganoff

Fri 1/27

Chef Salad

Johnston Named President of Ozarka



Ozarka College officials announced in mid-December the appointment of Dr. Dusty R. Johnston as President of the College. Johnston was selected to the position by the Ozarka College Board of Trustees unanimously in November of 2005. Dr. Johnston, a native of Shamrock, Texas, assumed the Presidency on January 3, 2006.

Johnston brings 23 years of experience working in the community college setting to Ozarka, including six years as an instructor and 17 years as an administrator. Most recently, he served as Dean of Instruction at Rich Mountain Community College in Mena, Arkansas for eight years.

Prior to working the chief academic officer for RMCC, Johnston spent 15 years with Howard College in Big Spring, TX as an administrator and faculty member.

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-Dr. Johnston

Dr. Johnston received his doctor of education degree in higher education from Texas Tech University in 1990. He also earned a bachelor's and master's degree in agriculture education from Texas Tech. While at Rich

Mountain Community College, Johnston coordinated a very successful accreditation self-study which led the Higher Learning Commission to recognize the institution as a “model community college”.

Upon arrival to Ozarka College, Dr. Johnston expressed his steadfast personal and professional commitment to ensuring both access and success for students. Johnston stated “The real significance of a community college such as Ozarka is measured by the success of its students. I look forward to utilizing my experience and leadership skills to build upon the strong foundation Ozarka has established to implement the college mission and develop our functions of serving the communities in North Central Arkansas.”

Spring Semester Underway at Ozarka

New and returning students at Ozarka College have made it through the first week of classes! The faculty, administration and staff welcomes all students back to campus for a new semester.

As the semester starts getting busy with homework and tests, Ozarka hopes students will take advantage of the many services offered to them. There are student clubs and organizations that meet every week. 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 online at ozarka.edu or my.ozarka.edu.

For students enrolled in a technical program, such as LPN, IST, Automotive, Culinary, Business, etc., the Perkins Grant offers free tutoring. Contact John Petersen at 368-2039 or visit him in the Miller building, Room #117 and he can assist with scheduling a tutor.

For students on any financial aid, those checks will not be available for at least a couple of weeks. In order for the Finance department to get aid money ready quicker, please check your my.ozarka 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.

Around Campus

- ◆ **Collegiate Ministry Meetings** are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall with Brother Bob Stewart.
- ◆ **Student AEA Meeting** - Thursday, Jan. 26th 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room)
- ◆ **Phi Theta Kappa Meeting** - Tuesday, Jan. 31st 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room)
- ◆ **Phi Beta Lambda Meeting** - Thursday, Feb. 9th 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room)
- ◆ **Student Council Meeting** - Tuesday, Feb. 14th 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room)

Ozarka College Representatives Serving on Statewide Board of Directors



L to R: Mathis,
Whitten & Cannady.

The Arkansas Association of Two Year Colleges (AATYC) is an organization comprised of each of the twenty-two, two-year college in the State of Arkansas. The AATYC holds an annual conference each Fall for faculty, staff, and administrators of two year colleges to get together for new learning opportunities, best practices and networking.

Ozarka College's Arts and Humanities Chairperson and Speech and Theater instructor, Judy Cannady served as President of the AATYC State Board for 2005. In the coming year, she will serve as Past-President. Cannady led the conference this year with the theme: "Education + Communication = Student Success" Her idea was to have a program to provide opportunities to learn a variety of ways to communicate with peers and students to enhance the learn-

ing experience at the two year level.

During the 2005 Fall conference, two other Ozarka representatives were elected to serve on the State Board of Directors. Ozarka College Board of Trustee, Sharron Mathis of Cherokee Village, was appointed as Trustee representative for the Board of Directors. Mathis has been a member of the Ozarka Board of Trustees since 2002, when she was appointed by Governor Mike Huckabee. Sharron is a sales associate with Coldwell Banker Ozark Real Estate Company and she is involved with many other community related projects. She expresses excitement for her upcoming service with AATYC and looks forward to working with others from around the State of Arkansas.

Ozarka's Public Relations Specialist, Kim Whitten was

elected as the Staff representative on the AATYC board. Whitten has been with the college for three years and looks forward to the new opportunities this role with allow. "I attended my first State AATYC Conference in 2004 and was so impressed by the organization and many different types of learning experiences that were available. I look forward to having the opportunity to be involved with the planning for our next conference and am honored to be elected by my counterparts from across the State for this position."

Each officer serves a three year term on the Board of Directors. This will be Cannady's final year as a board member for AATYC, and she will serve as Past President during 2006.

Ozarka CE to Offer Storm Spotter Course

The Ozarka College Division of Continuing Education will offer a Storm Spotters course presented by the National Weather Service out of Little Rock, beginning at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 21, 2006.

This three hour class will take place at Ozarka's main campus in Melbourne in the lecture hall of the John E. Miller Educational Complex. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited and pre-registration is required.

Kim Lovelace, who is coordinating this course states, "We have experienced unusual weather recently involving tornadoes in our local communities, and with Spring arriving over the course of the next few months, it is likely our area will experience additional severe weather."

Lovelace adds, "This class will be beneficial to provide training to local law enforcement officers, emergency management employees, and others in the community interested in learning more about severe weather and spotting storms."

Students will learn the structure of a severe storm, how a storm develops, and how to inform the National Weather Service of a severe storm. At the completion of the course, students will receive a certificate, valid for five years, as an official storm spotter for the National Weather Service.

With limited space, please call to reserve a seat for this course by calling 870-368-7371.

First Service Bank Donates to Ozarka - Mtn. View



Leo Sutterfield, President of First Service Bank of Mountain View was present at the new Ozarka College facility in Mountain View before Christmas ,

Seated L to R: Isbell & Kemp; Standing L to R: Shipman, Sutterfield, Rush & Brown.

along with former Interim President of Ozarka/ Director of Advancement Karla Rush, Registrar Gin Brown, and Foundation Board members; Susan Kemp, Jan Isbell, and Jane Shipman.

First Service Bank has made a generous donation to Ozarka College – Mountain View to sponsor the Resource Room in the new building. Sutterfield is a long time resident of

Mountain View and is enthused about the new opportunities Ozarka is bringing to the Stone County community. First Service Bank opened in Mountain View during this last year.

Anyone wishing to make a donation or pledge toward the other classrooms at the new facility in Mountain View, or toward a scholarship or endowment, may contact the Development Office in Melbourne, at 870-368-7371, or 870-269-5600.

January is National Stalking Awareness Month

January is National Stalking Awareness Month, and victim advocates across the country are using this month as an opportunity to educate the public about the pervasive crime that affects nearly 1.4 million Americans a year.

In conjunction with the Department of Justice Grant that was awarded to Ozarka College last Fall, deputies and victim advocates on each of the Ozarka College campuses are promoting awareness and education about stalking during the month of January and throughout the year in order to reduce crimes against women.

Stalking—typically defined as a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear—is a criminal offense under the laws of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the federal government. Although its prevalence is high, public awareness that stalking is a crime remains dangerously low. One in 12 women and one in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetime, for an average duration of almost two years. Seventy-six percent of female homicide victims were also stalked prior to their death, and more than half of these victims reported stalking to the police before being murdered by their stalkers.

“Stalking is often invisible to everyone except the victim,” said Mary Lou Leary, executive director of the National Center for Victims of Crime. “Our hope is that National Stalking Awareness Month will serve to bring stalking to the attention of policy makers, law enforcement officials, and the general public so that when stalking victims need help, we will all respond appropriately—doing everything we can to keep them safe and hold offenders accountable for their actions.”

National Stalking Awareness Month, intended to increase the public’s awareness of stalking, was motivated by the death of Peggy Klinke, a stalking victim who was murdered by an ex-boyfriend after repeatedly seeking law enforcement intervention.

Facts about Stalking in America

- 1,006,970 women and 370,990 men are stalked annually in the United States.
- 77 percent of female and 64 percent of male victims know their stalker.
- 87 percent of stalkers are men.
- 59 percent of female victims and 30 percent of male victims are stalked by an intimate partner.
- 81 percent of women stalked by a current or former intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner.

- 31 percent of women stalked by a current or former intimate partner are also sexually assaulted by that partner.
- 73 percent of intimate partner stalkers verbally threatened the victims with physical violence, and almost 46 percent of victims experienced one or more violent incidents by the stalker.
- The average duration of stalking is 1.8 years.
- When stalking involves intimate partners, the average duration of stalking increases to 2.2 years.
- 61 percent of stalkers made unwanted phone calls; 33 percent sent or left unwanted letters or items; 29 percent vandalized property; and 9 percent killed or threatened to kill a family pet. 28 percent of female victims and 10 percent of male victims obtained a protective order. Of those, 69 percent of female victims and 81 percent of male victims had the protection order violated.

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Students of Fall Semester Recognized

Congratulations!

The Ozarka College academic and technical departments have named their Students of the Semester for Fall 2005. To be eligible for this honor, students must be enrolled full-time, earn a "B" average or better, and exhibit a positive attitude, good work habits, and a willingness to help others. Other criteria include quality of classroom performance and the ability to get along with peers. The individuals selected for student of the Semester are considered at the end of the academic year for Student of the Year for each department.

Those selected include Misti Rush of Salem, Associate of Arts in Teaching; Buddy Patterson of Calico Rock, Automotive Service Technology; Cindy Rush of Melbourne, Business Technology; Nathon Shultz of Melbourne, Associate of Arts/College Transfer; Carol Lea of Mountain View, Culinary Arts and Hospitality; Jay Peters of Mountain View, Information Science Technology; Leann Rush of Sidney, Senior Practical Nursing; Mary Branch of Cherokee Village, Junior Practical Nursing; Melissa Rhoades of Mountain View, Freshman Practical Nursing; and Tracy Jared of Hardy, TRiO/Student Support Services.