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Monday October 31st

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

MENU:

Mon 10/24
Broccoli Soup & Ham Sandwich
Tue 10/25
Chicken Enchiladas
Wed 10/26
Chili
Thu 10/27
Soup & Salad
10/28
Catfish
Mon 10/31
Hamburger Steak
Tue 11/1
Beef
Wed 11/2
Chicken Spaghetti
Thu 11/3
Pork
Fri 11/4
Ham Steak

Ozarka Saddened at Loss of Development Officer, Jim Fenton

Ozarka College lost a valuable member of its family on October 12, 2005. James Fenton was hired by Ozarka College in October of 2001 as the first Development Officer for the college through the Title III Grant. Fenton and his wife, Irene had moved to Cherokee Village from the State of Iowa and Fenton brought to Ozarka years of experience in education.

Fenton earned his Masters degree in counseling and a Specialist degree in Education Administration. He worked in one form or another in the education field, from coaching to teaching to administration.

A pioneer in the field of alternative education in the State of Iowa, on September 9th of this year, the Iowa Association of Alternative Education renamed their Lifetime Achievement Award the "Jim Fenton Lifetime Achievement Award." This is given to an individual each year at their Statewide Conference.

While at Ozarka, Jim was instrumental in raising funds for a science lab located in the new facility at Ash Flat. He oversaw the construction of that new 16,000 foot facility each day. He was also very involved with the students attending Ozarka at Ash Flat. He knew the value of education and wanted to see each and every one succeed. One such former student, Connie Esparza has written a poem memorializing her thoughts on Jim and how he inspired and encouraged her.

The Fenton family has established a scholarship fund honoring Jim and his work at Ozarka. Anyone interested in donating the Jim Fenton Scholarship can contact Ozarka at 368-7371.



James F. Fenton
May 23, 1937 -
October 12, 2005



Jim and Irene Fenton having fun at the Ozarka College Mountain View fund-raising auction.



Fenton (right) and James Spurlock at the Ozarka College - Ash Flat Ground-breaking.

Goodbye

By: Connie Esparza

*It's difficult to say goodbye.
To a man who gave to life;
What others only dream of.
Can Goodbye possibly be strong enough?
Since he gave us so much.*

*An educator, a mentor
My biggest critic, my favorite fan.
"You can do this." He would say.
I asked "How do you know?"
His reply, "Because I know you can."*

*"Believe in yourself," he said
The day I passed through the college doors.
When at the end of the day,
Life would be easier if I simply gave in.
He would say, "That's one way to an end."*

*These small words would insight,
A quiet riot under my skin.
Just as he knew it would
That was the only way to get me to do as I should.
Now I ask again is goodbye strong enough?*

*Life is unfair, but there is no one to blame,
When a fire goes out it is just the end of the flame.
While the memories burn on forever,
Letting go is never easy; it's the hardest thing I've ever done.
So goodbye Jim may your memory burn on.*

Around Campus

- ◆ **PTK Meeting** Oct. 25 @11AM in Compressed Video Rm (C116) Miller Complex.
- ◆ **College Planning Day** Oct. 26 9AM Miller Education Complex
- ◆ **SAEA Meeting** Oct. 27th 11AM Compressed Video Rm (C116) Miller Complex.
- ◆ **Kids Academy Fall Festival** **October 31st 5-9PM** Small Dining Room
- ◆ **PTK Smoking Cessation Seminar** November 3rd ASH FLAT Lecture Hall 12:30PM

Ozarka Recognizes Outstanding Faculty, Staff, Student & Alumnus



Miller and Coleman

Ozarka College is a member of the Arkansas Association of Two-Year College (AATYC), which is comprised of two-year colleges across the State. The AATYC holds an annual conference every October with each college selecting an outstanding student, staff member, faculty and alumnus to be recognized at the conference.

Ozarka College student, Nancy Niswonger of Poughkeepsie was selected by the faculty of Ozarka as the 2005-06 Academic All-Star. Niswonger is described as an outstanding scholar and dedicated volunteer by the faculty of Ozarka. Whether she is supporting the student council or volunteering as a tutor for other students, Nancy is always busy helping others. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor society for students in two year colleges. She has served as secretary to the student council and is currently president of that organization. Nancy is also the mother of five, and is actively involved in their activities, including the county's 4-H chapter. Her future plans are to transfer to Arkansas Tech University and receive a degree in education and hopes to teach at a two-year college in the future. She says, "I want to help struggling college students in their search for higher education."

Chosen as Outstanding Alumnus, Peggy Lashley received her Associate of Arts degree at Ozarka College in 1999, and then continued her education at Arkansas State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in social work. She currently works for the Arkansas Department of Children and Family Services. Her title is Family Service Worker, and she is the assessment unit for the children in all of Sharp County. Her job is to check on children who are suspected of being abused. She makes certain that the children get the help they need to be safe and helps hundreds of children a year in Sharp County. Peggy also volunteers for Ozark Family Development Center for Domestic Violence, and she presents workshops on Teens and Violence to area schools.

Trish Miller of Melbourne was selected by her peers as Outstanding Faculty member for 2005-06. She has been with Ozarka College since 1989 and manages the learning lab. Along with assisting students who use the computers in the learning lab, Miller teaches GED and developmental classes. Receiving her Business Education degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, Trish went on to receive her master's in the same field from Arkansas State University, as well as becoming certified in Adult Education.

Trish is known around the campus for her patience and kindness with everyone. No matter what anyone needs, Trish is there to help them

Chaney Coleman of Melbourne was selected to serve as Outstanding Staff Person for the college. Coleman has been with Ozarka College for four years. He was recently promoted to Computer Technician II. Chaney is in charge of all of the distance education equipment on Ozarka's two learning centers in Ash Flat and Mt. View. He makes sure that all of the computers and video equipment are in great working order and also maintains Ozarka's web page, which he has completely revamped. Chaney is always available to help anyone with technical problems. Chaney enjoys his job at Ozarka because he does something different every day.

The AATYC 17th Annual Fall Conference was held at the Hot Springs Convention Center in Hot Springs on October 16-18. Each of the representatives was honored at an Awards Ceremony during the conference. Another member of Ozarka's faculty, Arts and Humanities Division Chair, Judy Cannady served as President on the Board of Directors for the AATYC for this year. Several other Ozarka College faculty, staff and administration attended the conference.

Paul Weaver Library News

Michael Thomas' English Composition students have helped keep the library staff busy this semester. Thomas has been giving his classes lists of questions to answer and articles to find in the library's books, newspapers, magazines and online databases. These exercises help acquaint students with the various resources the Ozarka Library has to offer. "We've really enjoyed having them come in," said Library Director Mary Ellen Hawkins.

All students are asked to check with the library staff to see if their new Ozarka Photo I.D. Card is ready. New cards have been printed for about half of this semester's returning students, using existing student photos. A number of students, however, do not have a photo on file and will need to contact the library staff to arrange for having a card made.

There are also a number of "new student" cards that have

not been picked up. Please check on yours!

We invite faculty, staff and administration to join us in the library on Friday, October 28, 2005 at 7:30 a.m. for our second "light continental breakfast." Come by, visit, and enjoy coffee and "goodies" with the library staff.



SAEA Organization Prepares for Convention

The Ozarka College Student Arkansas Education Association, which is part of the professional group of AEA held their 3rd Annual Fall Auction on October 13 in order to raise money so members can attend the State AEA convention in Little Rock next month. The students with help from Education Coordinator, Michelle Cooper and many area businesses and individuals raised more than \$1,200, doubling last year's total. Cooper expressed her gratitude for all the donors and participants of the auction, "These students worked so hard to make this event a success and we are so appreciative to everyone who was involved

by either donating their products, services or time. Everyone who attended the auction and purchased items had a hand in making it possible for these future educators to attend the State Convention."

On October 19th, the State AEA President, Dan Marzoni (top photo, third from left), SAEA State President, Dallas Wheltz (second from left), visited Cooper's Intro to Education class to discuss the AEA and answer questions regarding membership or the upcoming conference. Also pictured is Cooper (far left) and co-president, Kristin Teague.



Pictured left, co-president of SAEA, Amanda Bledsoe; and right, Debra Bartlett, Auctioneer.

Online Registration Open for Current Ozarka Students

Current Ozarka College students can register online through January 3, 2006. The Spring schedule is now available on the Ozarka.edu or my.ozarka. Students should meet with their advisors prior to online registration.

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A Short Drive to Great Distances



Stu-Co/PBL Upcoming Art Auction

The Ozarka College student organizations of Phi Beta Lambda and Student Council are hosting a benefit art auction. The students are asking for donations from students, faculty, staff, administrator, or other friends of the college. They would like to have all donations collected by November 22nd. Watch the next edition of the Ozarka College Connection for the date and time of the auction. To make a donation contact Nancy Niswonger at ntniswonger@yahoo.com, Michael McGill at mystical_merlin@hotmail.com, Jeremy Nicholson at 368-2066 or Joanna Fulbright at jfulbright@ozarka.edu.

Upcoming Brown Bag Diversity Series -

Anyone who has not attended one of the lectures or movies during the Brown Bag Diversity series have missed out! Last week's lecture series included Phyllis Cowan and Gary Phillips on Romania and Kena Tyler on California.

The next scheduled series will take place on November 1 and 3 at 11AM with movies shown at each location as follows:

- Ash Flat: *Finding Neverland*
- Melbourne: *Notebook*
- Mountain View: *French Kiss*

Join the fun, there is no charge to attend.

Phyllis Cowan shared pictures and stories from her trip to Romania & Austria this summer.

