

President's Report  
To the Board of Trustees  
**October 1, 2007**

*This report is intended to provide members of the Ozarka College Board of Trustees with information regarding college activities and accomplishments.*

**Upcoming Events of Interest**

October 4	Gourmet Night
October 8-9	Legislative meetings on Performance Funding
October 14-16	AATYC Conference
October 18	The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (10:00 am)
October 19	Coffee at the College
October 22	Pre-Registration for Spring Semester
October 31	College Planning Day
November 15-17	Students Services and TRiO will sponsor an art exhibit at Ozarka College – Melbourne featuring the work of Kristy Worthen. The exhibit will be open to students and the public at no charge. It will be in the lobby of the John E. Miller building.

**Ozarka College Events**

September 4-8	Stone County Fair (Ozarka College represented)
September 6	Scholarship Reception
September 10	Foundation Retreat/Meeting
September 11	Hosted NCARED Meeting
September 11	Foundation Audit
September 15	Foundation Golf Tournament
September 18	College Update
September 20-22	Izard County Fair (Ozarka College represented)
September 25-29	District Fair (Ozarka College represented)
September 28	Coffee at the College – Mountain View

**College Governance**

- The job announcements for the Secretary I positions for Ash Flat and Mountain View have been sent out. The search committees have been formed and we will move forward with filling these two positions.
- The ADHE Coordinating Board meeting will be held at Lyon College October 25-26. Dr. DeLong and Joan Stirling will attend to represent Ozarka College. We have no items on the agenda for this meeting.
- The Facility Usage guidelines are continuing to be reviewed. A final recommendation will be made at the December board meeting.
- The new Mission statements approved by the board on September 20 are being incorporated into all college documents, correspondence, and information.
- Ozarka eliminated several miscellaneous fees last year and added a \$2 per credit hour matriculation fee. Additional fees that cause some students problems are the placement testing fee and the parking fee. A proposal is to increase the matriculation fee to \$3 and to eliminate placement testing fee and the parking fee.

- The AATYC conference will be in Hot Springs October 14-16. Ozarka College will be well represented. AATYC has become an extremely effective organization and one reason is the support from faculty, staff, and institutions.
- The College Update presented to faculty and staff on 9-18-07 is attached for additional information.

### **Instruction**

- Submitted new Program Requests for Technical Certificates in Healthcare Professions and Early Childhood Education to ADHE for approval in the February board meeting.
- Using the SIRII evaluation system for classroom evaluations. Will facilitate assessment by allowing national average comparisons.
- Math for Nurses course and addition of 3 credit hours to Business Certificates of Proficiency approved by Curriculum committee.
- Annual Minority Report completed and submitted to ADHE.

### **Ash Flat Campus**

- 09/15/2007 The Sharp County Arts Council held its annual arts fair at Ozarka College-Ash Flat, utilizing the entire building. An estimated 250-300 people came to the fair which included numerous artist, authors, and performers as well as several food vendors.
- 09/28/2007 ASU's Childhood Services Office held a training session for 25 early childhood/daycare personnel in room 101.

### **Mountain View Campus**

- Sept. 4 Mountain View Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting; 5:00, Gin serves on Board; 6:30 Festival Committee Meeting
- Sept. 17 CPR Class
- Sept. 28 Coffee at the College
- Gin Brown Off Campus Activities in support of Ozarka:
  - Sept.6 Stone Youth Leadership Planning Meeting & Bean Fest Planning Meeting
  - Sept. 10 Report to Stone County Community Resource Council
  - Sept. 12 Stone County Drug Abuse Prevention Committee meeting. The Committee has been awarded an Underage Drinking Prevention Grant. One of the target groups is college age students under 21.
  - Sept 18 Stone County Youth Leadership meeting with participants and their parents. Twenty-four 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students have been selected to participate in the 9 month program for 2007-08.
  - Sept. 25 College Planning Night –West Side High School, Greers Ferry for the 2008 seniors and their parents.
  - Sept. 26 Stone County Youth Leadership Program: September Program--Steps to Leadership, assisted with program.

### **Student Services/Enrollment Information**

- Ozarka College has reached an all time record enrollment and FTE's with 1211 students and 802.47 FTE's.
- TRiO recently provided a "Movie Night" with refreshments at all three Ozarka College locations.
- Zeda Wilkerson and Joyce Goff have been guest speakers for several of the Student Success Classes this semester.
- The Admissions office attended Articulation workshops at UACCB and ASU-Beebe and distributed information to over 140 high school counselors.

- The Admissions department attended college fairs in Harrison and Mountain Home, and will be going to all of the area high schools to visit with Seniors.

### **Advancement/Workforce/Community Service**

- Foundation Golf Tournament had 28 teams with approximately \$8000 raised
- Scholarship reception honored 16 student recipients
- Foundation Retreat included presentations on 'Bridges out of Poverty' by Kim Lovelace and an update from Dr. Ed Franklin, AATYC Executive Director on the role of foundations in community colleges
- Hosted NCARED regional meeting on Sept 11
- Coordinated Coffee At The College events in Melbourne, Ash Flat, Mt View
- Introduced the Ozarka Family Endowment Scholarship Fund for employee contributions to build a named endowment
- Represented Ozarka at IZARD, Stone and NCAR District Fairs

### **Grants/Planning/Special Projects**

- Partners for Care – The Federal Project Officer visited the grant and Joan Stirling and Ron Helm attended student record's training at UACCB presented by the project officer.
- DOJ grant – Joan Stirling and other grant contracted employees presented information on sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking to first time, fulltime students in the nine College Student Success classes.
- Perkins grant – Jennifer Miller began work on September 24 as the Student Success Coordinator.
- Planning is working with the Safety Committee to improve the Crisis Preparedness Manual for the College.

### **Finance/Auxiliary Services**

- John Ed Welch and Rachel Pennywitt with Hughes, Welch and Milligan, CPAs were on campus September 11th to conduct the 2006-2007 audit for the Ozarka College Foundation.
- The accounting firm of Thomas & Thomas has been selected to perform the arbitrage services necessary for the 2002 bond issue.
- Financial aid disbursements for Pell and student loans during the month exceeded \$1.7 million.
- The new furniture for the Student Center is scheduled to be shipped the last week in October.
- The columns for the entrance of the Miller Building have been ordered and are expected to be delivered the first part of November.
- Several reports were completed and submitted during the month:
  - ADHE – Series 16 Report
  - ADHE – Series 17 Report
  - ADHE – Series 30 Report
  - DF&A – Revenue Bond Report
  - US Dept of Ed – Fiscal Operations and Application to Participate (FISAP)

### **Information Systems**

- CIS staff has assisted all three campuses by being present for registration and follow-up to the beginning of classes. Labs have been continuously updated and monitored
- Four new computers are being installed for student access in the new student center
- All CIS staff is working with departments to implement technology purchased for fall 2007.

## Physical Plant/Grounds

- Alan Vickery and Rick Dowdle attended a safety meeting at UACCB on September 25.
- The maintenance department has made many trips to Ash Flat and Mountain View to assist the bookstore in delivery of books to the off-campus sites for students.
- Continuous work orders and general maintenance.

## Personnel

*New hires for consideration at the next Board of Trustees meeting*

*Resignations*

- Connie Hoskinds

*Searches*

- Secretary I – Mtn. View
- Secretary I – Ash Flat
- CIS Instructor for Spring Semester
- Care Giver III

## Travel/College Representation

- *Dusty R. Johnston*
  - *Coffee at the College—September 7—Ash Flat, AR*
  - *Legislative Audit Committee—September 13—Little Rock, AR*
  - *Concurrent Enrollment w/Mountain View HS—September 19, Mountain View, AR*
  - *AATYC Performance Funding—September 19—Little Rock, AR*
  - *Coffee at the College—September 28—Mountain View, AR*
- *Dr. Mike DeLong*
  - *CAO meeting in Little Rock - September 18*
- *Dusty Johnston and Tina Wheelis*
  - *Little Rock, Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, September 13, 2007.*
- *Tina Wheelis*
  - *Little Rock, Arkansas Legislative Council, Personnel Committee, September 20, 2007.*
- *Michelle Cunningham, Earlene Martz, and Tina Wheelis*
  - *Little Rock, IRS Compliance Seminar, September 25, 2007.*
- *Joan Stirling & Ron Helm*
  - *9/26/07 – UACCB – attend student record training associated with the Partners for Care grant*
- *Zeda Wilkerson*
  - *September 11-14 – UACCB and ASU- Beebe – Articulation Workshops*
  - *September 17-21 – Harrison and Mountain Home, AR—attended College Fairs*

## Kudos

- To Tamra Bevill for getting the Partners for Care grant classes successfully started. A lot of hard work and coordination went into the development of these classes, and she did it in minimum time.
- To Leslie Batterton and Alison DeLong for developing and coordinating the LPN programs in Ash Flat and Mountain View in minimum time. Both programs are in full swing and successful.
- To the Computer Services department for installing the televisions in the student lounge and cafeteria
- The LPN students, faculty and staff from the Mountain View Campus for representing OC at the Stone County Fair September 4-8

- Shirley Hill's granddaughter, Megan Taylor Cazzell graduated in May from UCA with a 4.0 GPA. She is currently enrolled in graduate school at Conway pursuing a Master's Degree in Psychology.
- To the Advancement group for a successful Foundation golf tournament.
- To the Finance department for orderly and successful Pell and Loan distributions.
- To the Ozarka Employees for contributions to the Employee Fund Drive for the Ozarka College Foundation
- To our newest employee, Jenny Miller, on the birth of her son

### **In our thoughts**

For challenges of family or personal illness:

- Kenda Levett
- Norene Everett, Jill Yancey's mother
- Joy Ashlock, Karla Rush's mother
- Nick Davidson, Suellen Davidson's son
- Roger Koonce – death of his mother-in-law. Roger is MV and AF's Cleaning Contractor.
- Kendall Morrison – death of his grandmother, Jewel Lewis
- Alan Vickery – death in family (Bill Campbell)
- Valerie West – death of her grandfather, Rudy Loeffler

### **Tentative action items for the next Board of Trustees meeting**

- Personnel
- Facility Usage guidelines
- Fee change approval

### **Tentative discussion items for the next Board of Trustees meeting**

- New technology program discussion
- Secondary Career Center at Mountain View update

**Monthly Financial Report** (attached)

**College Monthly Calendar** (attached)

### **DRJ Closing Comments**

- I have included with this report several news releases accomplished by Kim Whitten which shine a positive light on the successes of Ozarka College students. Over the past months, these have been in several newspapers and on the Ozarka College website. I wanted to be sure that you had access to them.
- Also included is another news release about enrollment. We are all excited about the increase in enrollment. I want to be sure that everyone understands that this increase is a result of multiple efforts on the part of faculty, staff, and the administrative team. We have had a productive year in ensuring that Ozarka College operates in an effective, efficient, and student friendly mode. Improvement is a continual process that we embrace and that will show positive results.
- I am chairing the AATYC Presidents/Chancellors committee for Performance Funding. This is a very important topic for Governor Beebe and the legislature. I will be attending legislative meetings to begin the discussions on October 8-9.
- I will take a couple of days of vacation and be gone October 24-26. My son Jerod, who competes in Bareback Bronc riding on the professional rodeo circuit, has qualified for the Circuit Finals in Kansas City. The country is divided into ten circuits and he competes in the Prairie Circuit which covers Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri. The top 12 contestants in each event at the end of the year qualify for the Circuit Finals. So, I will go hang out with him and support his efforts in Kansas City for a few days.

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**Ozarka College**  
**Unrestricted Current Funds**  
**July 1, 2007 thru September 30, 2007**

	<b>Approved 2007 - 2008 Budget</b>	<b>Revised 2007 - 2008 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Month to Date Revenue/Expense</b>	<b>Actual Year to Date Revenue/Expense</b>	<b>Budgeted Balance to Collect or Balance to Expense</b>	<b>Percentage Realized To Date</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Tuition & Related Fees	1,529,341	1,529,341	602,532	753,207	776,134	49.25%
Program & Course Related Fees	92,126	92,126	2,156	15,337	76,789	16.65%
Testing Services	19,711	19,711	1,330	3,943	15,768	20.00%
Sales Tax Proceeds	232,930	232,930	20,738	61,885	171,045	26.57%
Interest Income	39,469	39,469	31	7,316	32,153	18.54%
Other Income	39,536	39,536	1,057	25,972	13,564	65.69%
General Revenue	2,880,151	2,880,151	288,480	730,910	2,149,241	25.38%
Workforce 2000 Funding	1,088,212	1,088,212	95,788	287,365	800,847	26.41%
Economic Development Funding	65,000	65,000			65,000	0.00%
Critical Maintenance Funding	50,000	50,000		100,000	(50,000)	200.00%
Auxiliary Income - Cafeteria	45,022	45,022	3,640	9,331	35,691	20.73%
Auxiliary Income - Bookstore	357,573	357,573	169,558	209,696	147,877	58.64%
Auxiliary Income - Preschool	124,659	124,659	10,902	27,027	97,632	21.68%
Foundation Contribution/Ash Flat Center	100,000	100,000			100,000	0.00%
Carryover Funds - Previous Years	100,000	100,000			100,000	0.00%
Unrecognized Income/Waivers & Scholarships	<u>210,000</u>	<u>210,000</u>	<u>74,888</u>	<u>134,084</u>	<u>75,916</u>	63.85%
<b>Total Unrestricted Revenues</b>	<b><u>6,973,730</u></b>	<b><u>6,973,730</u></b>	<b><u>1,271,098</u></b>	<b><u>2,366,073</u></b>	<b><u>4,607,657</u></b>	<b><u>33.93%</u></b>
<b>Expenses:</b>						
Regular Salaries	3,178,761	3,178,761	246,082	720,022	2,458,739	22.65%
Extra Help Salaries	125,000	125,000	8,836	39,257	85,743	31.41%
Fringe Benefits	1,376,545	1,376,545	101,443	333,256	1,043,289	24.21%
Supplies & Services *	1,148,624	1,143,624	166,214	451,780	691,844	39.50%
Travel	68,095	68,095	1,848	4,779	63,316	7.02%
Utilities	323,275	323,275	12,576	62,104	261,171	19.21%
Capital Outlay *	37,000	42,000	6,397	20,120	21,880	47.91%
Transfer to Debt Retirement	27,460	27,460		6,865	20,595	25.00%
Bond Payments	188,970	188,970			188,970	0.00%
Institutional Scholarships & Waivers	210,000	210,000	74,888	134,084	75,916	63.85%
Contingency	<u>290,000</u>	<u>290,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>290,000</u>	0.00%
<b>Total Unrestricted Expenditures</b>	<b><u>6,973,730</u></b>	<b><u>6,973,730</u></b>	<b><u>618,286</u></b>	<b><u>1,772,268</u></b>	<b><u>5,201,462</u></b>	<b><u>25.41%</u></b>

\* Adjustment to Grounds budget for purchase of new equipment

**Net Income** **593,805**

Ozarka College  
 Restricted Funds  
 July 1, 2007 thru September 30, 2007

	Approved 2007 - 2008 Budget	Adjustments to 2007 - 2008 Budget	Revised 2007 - 2008 Budget	Actual Month to Date Revenue/Expense	Actual Year to Date Revenue/Expense	Budgeted Balance to Collect or Balance to Expense	Percentage Realized To Date
<b>Revenues:</b>							
<b>Student Aid Revenues</b>							
AR Challenge Awards	63,250		63,250			63,250	0.00%
AR Workforce Improvement Awards	47,500		47,500			47,500	0.00%
Federal Work Study	45,000		45,000			45,000	0.00%
Academic Competitiveness Grant	14,000		14,000			14,000	0.00%
PELL Grant	1,750,000		1,750,000	1,154,892	1,199,707	550,293	68.55%
SEOG Awards	25,000		25,000			25,000	0.00%
Student Loans	1,675,000		1,675,000	1,856	577,536	1,097,464	34.48%
Miscellaneous Scholarships	0	B 6,500	6,500	4,500	6,500	0	0.00%
<b>Student Aid Revenues</b>	<b>3,619,750</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>3,626,250</b>	<b>1,161,248</b>	<b>1,783,743</b>	<b>1,842,507</b>	<b>49.19%</b>
<b>Federal Grant Revenues</b>							
Big Read Grant	0	A 3,000	3,000		3,000	0	0.00%
Career Pathways Initiative	250,000		250,000	18,444	87,571	162,429	35.03%
Carl Perkins	87,450		87,450			87,450	0.00%
Correctional Grant	6,012		6,012		3,800	2,212	63.21%
Department of Justice Grant	70,000		70,000	3,526	3,526	66,474	5.04%
Direct & Equitable Grant	118,528		118,528		29,000	89,528	24.47%
Partners In Care	325,500		325,500		15,481	310,019	4.76%
TRIO Grant	<u>265,045</u>		<u>265,045</u>	<u>55,789</u>	<u>67,541</u>	<u>197,504</u>	<u>25.48%</u>
<b>Federal Grant Revenues</b>	<b>1,122,535</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>1,125,535</b>	<b>77,760</b>	<b>209,918</b>	<b>915,617</b>	<b>18.65%</b>
<b>State Grant Revenues</b>							
Adult Basic Education Grant	12,000		12,000	6,000	9,000	3,000	75.00%
General Adult Education Grant	<u>298,140</u>		<u>298,140</u>		<u>74,000</u>	<u>224,140</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>State Grant Revenues</b>	<b>310,140</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>310,140</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>83,000</b>	<b>227,140</b>	<b>26.76%</b>
<b>Total Restricted Revenues</b>	<b>5,052,425</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>5,061,925</b>	<b>1,245,008</b>	<b>2,076,661</b>	<b>2,985,264</b>	<b>41.03%</b>

**Expenditures:**

<b>Student Aid Expenditures</b>								
AR Challenge Awards	63,250		63,250			63,250	0.00%	
AR Workforce Improvement Awards	47,500		47,500			47,500	0.00%	
Federal Work Study	45,000		45,000	4,494	4,494	40,506	9.99%	
Academic Competitiveness Grant	14,000		14,000			14,000	0.00%	
PELL Grant	1,750,000		1,750,000	1,154,892	1,199,707	550,293	68.55%	
SEOG Awards	25,000		25,000			25,000	0.00%	
Student Loans	1,675,000		1,675,000	527,064	577,536	1,097,464	34.48%	
Miscellaneous Scholarships	0	B	<u>6,500</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>Student Aid Expenditures</b>	<b>3,619,750</b>		<b>6,500</b>	<b>3,626,250</b>	<b>1,690,450</b>	<b>1,785,737</b>	<b>1,840,513</b>	<b>49.24%</b>
<b>Federal Grant Expenditures</b>								
Big Read Grant	0	A	3,000	3,000		1,777	1,223	59.25%
Career Pathways Initiative	250,000			250,000	32,423	77,023	172,977	30.81%
Carl Perkins	87,450			87,450	168	168	87,282	0.19%
Correctional Grant	6,012			6,012	853	1,948	4,064	32.40%
Department of Justice Grant	70,000			70,000	3,531	6,946	63,054	9.92%
Direct & Equitable Grant	118,528			118,528	6,039	17,024	101,504	14.36%
Partners In Care	325,500			325,500	45,550	77,889	247,611	23.93%
TRIO Grant	<u>265,045</u>			<u>265,045</u>	<u>19,627</u>	<u>87,168</u>	<u>177,877</u>	<u>32.89%</u>
<b>Federal Grant Expenditures</b>	<b>1,122,535</b>		<b>3,000</b>	<b>1,125,535</b>	<b>108,190</b>	<b>269,943</b>	<b>855,592</b>	<b>23.98%</b>
<b>State Grant Expenditures</b>								
Adult Basic Education Grant	12,000			12,000	4,002	8,866	3,134	73.89%
General Adult Education Grant	<u>298,140</u>			<u>298,140</u>	<u>20,067</u>	<u>42,859</u>	<u>255,281</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
<b>State Grant Expenditures</b>	<b>310,140</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>310,140</b>	<b>24,069</b>	<b>51,725</b>	<b>258,414</b>	<b>16.68%</b>
<b>Total Restricted Expenditures</b>	<b>5,052,425</b>		<b>9,500</b>	<b>5,061,925</b>	<b>1,822,709</b>	<b>2,107,405</b>	<b>2,954,519</b>	<b>41.63%</b>

A - Grant was extended into the 2008 fiscal year

B - Pass thru scholarships to Ozarka students from sources other than federal or institutional funds

# Ozarka College

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## Calendar of Events

« September 2007 **October 2007** November 2007 »

### October 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 8a Personal Ca... 3p Cafeteria C... 6p Lions Club	<b>2</b> 8a Personal Ca... 11a Faculty Co... 1p Inst Effect...	<b>3</b> 8a Personal Ca...	<b>4</b> 8a Personal Ca... 11a Safety Com... 11:30a Optimis... 5:30p DOJ Depu... 6p Gourmet Nig...	<b>5</b> 8a FBLA 8a Personal Ca... 9a COMPASS 12p DOJ Advoca... 12p DOJ Advoca... 12p DOJ Advoca...	<b>6</b> 2p Jones Reuni...
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8a Personal Ca... 6:30p Gideons	<b>9</b> 8a Personal Ca... 11a Student Co... 6p Scrapbookin...	<b>10</b> 8a Personal Ca...	<b>11</b> 8a Foundation ... 9a Scholarship... 5:30p DOJ Depu... 5:30p DOJ Depu... 5:30p DOJ Depu...	<b>12</b> 12p DOJ Advoca... 12p DOJ Advoca... 12p DOJ Advoca...	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 12:30p COMPASS... 6p Lions Club	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Mid-term Advis...	<b>18</b> 8a The Lion, t... 5p DOJ Deputy ... 5:30p DOJ Depu... 5:30p DOJ Depu... 6p Gourmet Nig...	<b>19</b> 12p DOJ Advoca... 12p DOJ Advoca... 12p DOJ Advoca...	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6p Scrapbookin...	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:30p DOJ Depu... 5:30p DOJ Depu... 5:30p DOJ Depu...	<b>26</b> 9a Wonderlic &... 12p DOJ Advoca... 12p DOJ Advoca... 12p DOJ Advoca...	<b>27</b> 8a ACT Testing
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 8a College Pla... College Planni...			

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1. Enrollment Data—see attachment
2. Personnel
  - Carl Perkins Student Success Specialist
    - Collect, organize, present technical education retention data
    - Collect, organize, present completion data
    - Collect, organize, present placement data
    - Provide leadership of retention efforts for Ozarka College
    - Produce and Annual Retention and Placement Profile
  - Building/Maintenance Repairman—search committee appointed this week
  - Computer Information Systems position—open to be filled for Spring semester
  - Nancy Dust—relocating to office close to mine. Continue same level of support for Karla, Joan, and Sueellen. Additional clerical, receptionist support for me.
3. Committee Structure
  - Completed and will be sent out via e-mail
  - All employees will have an opportunity to select 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> choice of committee to serve on.
4. Faculty Council
  - A faculty committee has been working on possible revision and update to the Faculty Council constitution and by-laws. Input from faculty is essential as this continues. Contact Brad if you have input.
5. Instructional Program
  - Technical Certificate in Health Professions—is presently being completed and prepared to submit to the ADHE for approval. The certificate will provide instruction for Certified Nurse Assistants and Personal Care Aids, as well as provide the opportunity to complete LPN and RN prerequisite courses.
  - Technical Certificate in Early Childhood Education—is presently being completed and prepared to submit to the ADHE for approval. This instruction will include courses for the Child Development Associate to certify student to work in child care centers, etc., as well as other general education courses.
  - New technical programs—I am open to all ideas for new technical programs that cost effective and train people for existing jobs in our region.
6. Concurrent Enrollment
  - Ozarka College has a significant concurrent enrollment program with several high schools including Melbourne, Salem, Viola, Highland, Mountain View, and Calico Rock. I am talking about courses that are taught by the high school faculty during the normal school day as a college class whereby the student receives both high school credit and college credit. The laws and ADHE guidelines for concurrent credit courses changed significantly this past summer. Ozarka is working with all the high schools to develop and concurrent enrollment agreement that will outline all the new guidelines

completely with the goal of not only continuing the concurrent enrollment program but also to increase participation in the future. Part of this agreement will include a tuition discount which will be a positive for the students and hopefully be a recruiting and marketing tool for the college.

7. Construction/Renovation

- Ash Flat building should be out for bid within two weeks. The plans are very nice. If you have not seen them, stop by my office sometime to take a look.
- Renovation plans for the old LPN building are underway. The plan will include several offices for Career Pathways and relocation of the bookstore to the renovated area.
- Renovation also includes converting the present bookstore location into a reception area, small conference room, and president's office area.
- Columns have been ordered to replace the deteriorated columns in the front of the Miller building. Some of you may not have noticed, but you should stop by and take a look—they are in sad shape.

8. College Effectiveness/Planning/Assessment

- The College Effectiveness webpage is progressing. I will send out a draft soon for input.
- The 2006-2007 Planning document is complete. It will be available on the website. I encourage you to begin thinking about planning for the next cycle which will start early this spring.
- The follow-up on developing additional information for defining components to the assessment calendar seems to have hit a snag. I will be sending out an e-mail this week which is really a follow-up to an e-mail that Karla sent out requesting information. Please do not put this on the back burning. I share with you early that this is my number one priority for the fall.

9. Facility Usage Guidelines

- The Facility Usage Task Force spent a great deal of effort in reviewing this information and making a recommendation to the administrative council. I assure you the administrative council spent considerable time reviewing and discussing the recommendations. A draft of the recommended Facility Usage Guidelines was given to the Board of Trustees several weeks ago to review. These guidelines will be an item for discussion at this weeks Board meeting. After any revisions, I will email the draft out for any additional comments from faculty and staff.

10. Dental Insurance update

- Over 60 employees signed up for the dental insurance benefit. I have heard positive comments from those that have use it so far. If you have any positive or negative comments, please share them with me.

11. Board of Trustee Meeting

- The meeting is this Thursday at 4:00 pm. The agenda has been posted. See attached agenda.

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

January 10, 2007

Contact: Kim Whitten

## **Ozarka Begins Student Success Series**

Melbourne – Ozarka College has grown by leaps and bounds over the last few years. In fact, Ozarka has doubled in size over the last ten years with enrollment reaching an all time record this past fall and the addition of two permanent off campus sites in Ash Flat and Mountain View.

With so many students attending and graduating from Ozarka College, there is a myriad of success stories around Ozarka's service area. Ozarka hopes to randomly showcase some of these successes throughout the year.

First National Banking Company (FNBC) has many employees who have attended and/or graduated from Ozarka College. One employee, Karen Schisler, is proud of her achievements both with the bank and with her education. Karen began working for FNBC in 1995 as a part-time teller. About that same time she was a student in Ozarka's Business Technology Program.

She not only graduated with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Technology, she came back to Ozarka College in 1999 to obtain an additional degree in banking and finance to help with her career.

Schisler has been promoted several times during her tenure at FNBC, including eight years as a Loan Assistant at the bank's main branch in Ash Flat. In August, she moved to the newest branch in Mountain Home as the Mortgage Loan Originator.

The Community President for the Mountain Home branch of FNBC, Ron Proctor states that Karen is a positive addition to the Mountain Home banking team and adds, "I have been very impressed with Karen's home lending knowledge and she has already developed an excellent reputation with her customers, realtors, and closing agents. Karen is known for her excellent communication to her clients and I am confident Ozarka is proud to showcase her success as a graduate of their fine institution."

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Karen says the best feature of Ozarka is the caring and understanding faculty and staff that work at the institution. “Had it not been for the scheduling flexibility that my instructors granted me with my fulltime job, I would not have been able to finish my degree in a timely manner. They realize that many of their students are working adults who have families.” She further adds, “Ozarka College is a true asset to our community both for their considerate employees and the affordability and convenience that is offered.”

When asked what advice she would give to a current student at Ozarka, she says, “To be persistent in obtaining an education. Don’t let anyone or anything stop you from getting that degree, because in the long run you will appreciate it!”

Karen’s husband, Andy is an Emergency Medical Technician with Spring River Paramedic Ambulance and they have a six year old daughter, Caitlyn. They recently relocated to Gassville from Cherokee Village. Karen enjoys spending time with her family as well as her hobby of scrapbooking.



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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

March 2, 2007

Contact: Kim Whitten

## **Automotive Graduate Success**

Melbourne – The Automotive Service Technology Program at Ozarka College prepares approximately eight graduates per year through its associate program. These students are technically ready to work in the field of automobile service and repair.

Stanley Wood Chevrolet in Batesville currently employs three of these graduates in their service department: Greg Walton, Blake Howard and Nathan Walling. These former students of Ozarka College come highly recommended by AST instructor, Larry Wilkes.

Service Manager for the department, Chris Allen expresses his appreciation for such well trained employees. “I would take an entire shop full of guys like these three. We know we can always contact Mr. Wilkes to get recommendations for automotive service employees. We can depend on them to be trained and ready to go to work in our department.”

Greg Walton graduated from the program in May of 2006 and went to work for the dealership on Wilkes’ recommendation in August of the same year. Walton does the transmission work for all of the GM products. This is not surprising since he scored above the national average on the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) end of program exam in all eight areas. One of the eight areas includes transmissions.

Walton lives near Mountain View and is engaged to DonnaRae Willingham. He also has a shop at home where he works on semi trucks, body and paint work, and other vehicle repairs. His other interests include his three dogs, who Greg says are “just like having children.” He is an animal lover and admits having a soft side for all animals.

Greg was able to attend Ozarka College upon receiving federal assistance after the company he was working for closed. He has also been in business for himself, owning four semi trucks and doing live hauling for ConAgra.

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Greg says the best advice he can give to current or potential AST students is “study hard so you know what you are doing.” He also stresses the importance of knowing the electrical and computerized systems in order to be proficient with newer vehicles and the changing technology in the industry.

There is obvious camaraderie between the employees in the service and parts department at Stanley Wood Chevrolet and Scott Wood Chrysler. There is also friendly competition between the technicians who work on the GM and Chrysler products.

Blake Howard graduated from Ozarka in 2004 and has worked for the dealership since then. Nathan Walling graduated in 2005 and has been with Wood’s since last July.

For further information on the Automotive Service Technology program at Ozarka College contact Admissions at 870-368-7371 and schedule a tour of the main campus in Melbourne where the AST shop is located.



Greg Walton



Left to right: Blake Howard, Nathan Walling & Greg Walton

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

May 21, 2007

Contact: Kim Whitten

## **Local Teacher Began as Untraditional Student**

Melbourne – Janet Yancey is completing her first year as a Melbourne High School English teacher. She began her college career right in her own backyard, at Ozarka College, completing her Associate of Arts degree in 1991. This summer she will continue her educational journey toward her Masters degree.

After completing her baccalaureate studies in English through Williams Baptist College a few years ago, Yancey spent three years teaching at Sloan-Hendrix High School in Imboden, then went to Highland High School for one year. When her current position opened at Melbourne, she took the opportunity to be closer to her home in Brockwell. Janet is going to now begin work toward a Masters degree in counseling through Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

Janet says she knew from the beginning she would be an English teacher. She adds, “I love my job and the students. I think every one of them has something to contribute and I can always seek out their positive characteristics.”

Being a non-traditional student at Ozarka College, Yancey states she was “scared to death- I never thought I would make it!” She goes on to encourage anyone who wants to begin college to “absolutely, one hundred percent, go for it.” She also praises the quality of education offered by Ozarka College as being “top notch” and “perfect for the non-traditional student with the smaller class size and personal attention from instructors.”

She reminisces about several memorable instructors, including former English instructor, John Rohweder and former math instructor, Wyth Duke, who have both passed away; along with Joan Stirling, who taught science courses for several years prior to being named to her current position as Ozarka’s Director of Planning and Special Projects.

Janet is married to Ronnie Yancey. She has a daughter and granddaughter who live in Jonesboro. Ronnie’s son, Chris, who is in the Air Force, has recently been deployed. He and his wife have two daughters and a son and live in Oklahoma.

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Yancey is also well known around Izard County for her singing voice. She is a regular participant in the choir for the Pioneer Day and Christmas programs which take place in the John E. Miller Auditorium. She has also performed during the Ozarka College Foundation's Annual Spring Gala.

Ozarka College can provide the foundation coursework to pursue a degree in education, through the Associate of Arts in Teaching or the Associate of Arts programs. Contact Admissions for further information at 870-368-7371.



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 13, 2007

Contact: Kim Whitten

## Ozarka Nursing Graduate Misty Scrivner

Melbourne – Ozarka College has recently expanded its health care offerings because of the need for professionals in the allied health field. The practical nursing program has tripled in size with new programs in Ash Flat and Mountain View; the ARNEC program will be accepting twice as many students for its next class of students; and the new Partners for Care grant will offer Students as opportunity to obtain a Certificate of Completion for Personal Care Aide and Certified Nurses Aide (CNA).

Misty Scrivner has completed LPN and RN through Ozarka College and has gone on to become an asset in the Geriatric Psychiatry Inpatient Unit of White River Medical Center called "Senior Haven."

After completing her Practical Nursing degree in December of 2002 and working at WRMC in different capacities, she was accepted into the ARNEC program (Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium) and graduated in December of 2006 through Ozarka.

Misty says the best advice she can give others interested in nursing as a career is to work as a CNA (certified nurses assistant) or in the health care field in some way. "Some people may not be cut out to be a caregiver in the medical field. I think becoming a CNA and working in the field to get some hands-on experience is the best way for potential students to get a feel for what it takes."

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Medical Director for Senior Haven, Dr. Witold Czerwinski (Dr. "C" as he is called in the unit) describes Misty as one of the best nurses he has ever encountered. "I knew Misty when she worked here as an LPN and she was excellent then; but completing her RN has given her the wings she needed to soar in her nursing career!" He adds, "Misty is even better and more knowledgeable as an RN and I completely admire her for what she has accomplished."

Other colleagues in Senior Haven who work with Scrivner have the utmost respect for her. Assistant Nurse Manager, Tonya Phillips; and Social Worker, Mary Orr both say she has great judgment, is trustworthy and is a team player. Phillips goes on to state, "she is quick, precise and correct in her work and is already taking the lead in teaching other student nurses, who come through Senior Haven, the skills and techniques she possesses in the nursing field." Her co-workers think so much of Misty that she was voted "Employee of the Month" for her department in July.

Living in Sidney with her two sons, Logan and Grayson, Misty worked as a nurse's aide at WRMC and at the nursing home in Sidney before deciding to go on and pursue her nursing education. She had started school in 1997, but admits she was not mature enough to handle it. She says God led her back several years later and she realizes it worked out for the best.

Misty is very family oriented and enjoys living in the country. She recently took a trip to San Francisco, California for a conference and says even though she enjoyed the trip, it made her thankful to live in North-central Arkansas.

For information on any of the allied health programs offered at Ozarka College, contact the Admissions Department at 870-368-7371 or toll free 800-821-4335.



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

September 25, 2007

Contact: Karla Rush

## **Johnston Enthused with Enrollment Growth**

Melbourne - According to a recent press release from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, Ozarka College has experienced an enrollment growth of 13.7 % for the Fall 2007 semester and is one of only four two year colleges in Arkansas to exceed a 10% enrollment increase. The average increase of enrollment at Arkansas two-year colleges was 4.0% for the Fall 2007 report. The enrollment of 1211 students at Ozarka also represents a 21.0% increase in full time equivalent enrollment as compared to Fall 2006 reports.

Ozarka President Dusty R. Johnston explained the increases in college enrollment numbers "as not only an increase in the number of students enrolled, but more of those students are enrolled for a full course load, pursuing degrees. We see this as a positive sign that we have made our course offerings more accessible. In fact, a thirty percent jump in students pursuing college full-time at Ozarka further clarifies Ozarka's availability to our community."

Johnston described the breakdown of enrollment as 557 students in Melbourne (12% increase), 303 students in Ash Flat (32.5% increase), and 215 students enrolled at Mountain View (38.0% increase). Internet course registration grew 54% from Fall 2006 to this semester also. Johnston added "Ozarka College recently adopted an updated mission statement. Our college mission is 'to provide life-changing experiences through higher education'. We plan to continue to do just that."

Other interesting demographics from the Fall 2007 student body include a 876 Freshmen and 336 Sophomore level students; about 75% (928 students) are female and the average age of an Ozarka student is 30 years old.

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Johnston said pre-registration for the Spring 2007 semester will begin in late October. Persons interested in taking courses at Ozarka College may contact the Office of Admissions at 870-368-7371 or obtain more information online at [www.ozarka.edu](http://www.ozarka.edu).

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