

# S N A P S H O T



## THE OGLESBY UNION 2007- 2008

Gather. Create. Inspire. That is the tag line for the Oglesby Union branding campaign that was kicked off this year. The union is a diverse and engaging community that fosters individual and collective learning by providing outstanding services and opportunities for involvement. In addition to the union administration, there are nine departments within the union team:

- Art Center
- Crenshaw Lanes
- Flying High Circus
- Guest Services
- Oglesby Gallery
- Operations and Facilities
- Research and Communications
- Student Activities
- Student Life Cinema

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## A Look at CAFE CONVERSATIONS...

Cafe Conversations is a lunchtime staff development series intended to focus on FSU departments and various policies and procedures within the campus. By enhancing the Oglesby Union Staff's basic knowledge about these areas, they are able to better serve our students as the "front line" resources when they come with questions. The series consists of monthly lunchtime workshops in which the guest speakers informally present an array of information about their respective areas. Programs are 1 hour and include a catered lunch for all who attend.

Café Conversations are planned by the Research and Communications area for all A&P, USPS and graduate assistant staff. Invitations for presentations are based on staff feedback.

Presentation topics for this past academic year included: Thagard Health Center, DSA/FSU Foundation, Sustainable Campus, Leach Center, College of Medicine, Financial Planning and the Magnetic Lab. Presenters are asked to give a brief overview of their department, share highlights and discuss how the Oglesby Union staff can get involved or be better campus partners.

Attendance at Café Conversations has continued to increase since the initial workshops in 2004. Participation figures did not start being collected until fall 2005.

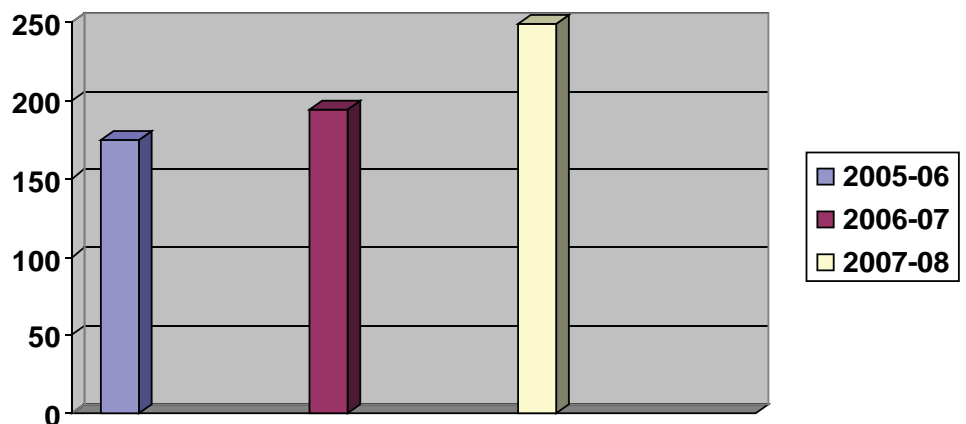


Figure 1. Café Conversation Attendance

A survey is distributed for staff to complete at the end of each Café Conversation workshop. The questions relate to the following topics:

- Previous knowledge about the topic
- Staff expectations
- Staff learning and understanding of topic
- Presentation style and effectiveness
- Quality of food
- Ideas for future presentations
- Overall comments/feedback

## Staff feedback:



"My favorite Café Conversation this year was the Thagard presentation. It appealed the most to me and I wasn't aware of the different options and services offered to staff. It was a very informative session."

"I learned from the Café Conversations information that I otherwise would not have known. It is not everyday that you can learn about the Mag Lab and the College of Medicine directly from the people who work there. I think the Café Conversations are an opportunity for Union staff to learn about other departments on campus and learn exactly what they do and what they have to offer."

"My favorite Café Conversations this year were Thagard, Sustainable Campus and the College of Medicine."

"After hearing the Thagard presentation, I understood more about the department and I'm able to inform others when it comes up in conversation. Campus Sustainability is a hot topic right now. I always wondered why we did not have a hospital with our College of Medicine."



"Café Conversations taught me a lot more about a campus that I've been on for six years and never took the time to really explore. I think I learned some good life skills like financial planning."

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