In 1983, a group of civic-minded citizens recognized the value Mineral Area College brings to our community: educationally, culturally and economically. The vision of these individuals created Mineral Area College Foundation, Inc. as a fund-raising appendage for Mineral Area College. For three decades, the Foundation, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, has worked as a vehicle to enhance the college’s mission. The Foundation’s mission is to advance, encourage, assist, promote and support the growth and development of Mineral Area College, its student body, faculty and administration. The activities and objectives of the Foundation shall include both ongoing and special projects and shall also include development and improvement of the college’s physical facilities. Much of the Foundation’s work has been quietly accomplished. The Foundation exemplifies a symbiotic relationship among alumni, business and friends of the college to enrich college programs as well as the quality of life in our local communities.

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Zelda Martin Cozean
Thursday, October 6, 2005
Lecture Series
Mineral Area College Theatre
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7:00 p.m.
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NORMAN E. STEWART
former University of Missouri Tigers Basketball Coach & Coaches vs. Cancer Advocate

"Sit Down, Norm!" That admonition in opponents' arenas, where he paced the sidelines, usually backfired into a Tiger victory. His loyal following in the Show-Me State agrees he can stand up all he wants.

After retiring in 1999, the University of Missouri Tigers head basketball coach of 32 years, Norm Stewart, began his new career as special consultant to the chancellor at the university. He also enjoys his role as a goodwill ambassador for the university as he travels the country as a motivational speaker.

In 1952, Stewart chose to keep his athletic talents at home in Missouri at University of Missouri. During his athletic career, he was elected captain of the Tiger basketball team for two years; led the Big Seven Conference in scoring; was twice named to the All-Big Seven team; and was selected as the Missouri Citizen of the Year. He is also a Missouri Squire, one of 100 Missouri leaders. In 1994, Stewart's 1994 team made Big 8 history when the team became the first to have an undefeated season in conference play.

Stewart was nominated to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2003; elected to the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame; named one of ten Missouri Legends in 2000; was selected as the Missouri Citizen of the Year. He is also a Missouri Squire, one of 100 Missouri leaders. In 1994, he was honored at the White House when President Bill Clinton presented Stewart with the American Cancer Society Courage Award.

Stewart's personal fight with colon cancer created a new meaning for Tiger Fans when he founded the pilot program at MU American Cancer Society's Coaches vs. Cancer program has now raised over 20 million dollars in the fight against cancer.

Stewart is married to the former Virginia Zimmerley, MU's 1955 Homecoming Queen. The Stewarts have three children: Jeff and his wife, Luann have four daughters; and Laura, has a daughter and lives in Los Angeles.

Zelda Martin Cozean Lecture Series

The Zelda Martin Cozean Lecture Series is a memorial tribute to Zelda Martin Cozean, a longtime resident of the Mineral Area. Mrs. Cozean strongly advocated the need for education and community service.

The Zelda Martin Cozean Lecture Series is designed to bring prominent lecturers to Mineral Area College and provide a platform for social, political and economic debate.

Mr. and Mrs. Cozean were well-known advocates for education and community service. Mr. Hugo Cozean, born in Flat River, Mo. received his education in the Farmington School System, Flat River Junior College, University of Missouri-Columbia and the Hohenshuh-Carpenter College of Embalming. He served as a member of the Farmington Board of Education for 30 years and a member of the Mineral Area College Board of Trustees for 11 years.

Mrs. Zelda Cozean was born in Quaker, Mo. and received her education in the Cape Girardeau schools. Before raising her family she taught school in Washington County. Mrs. Cozean took many courses at Flat River Junior College and encouraged other family members to attend with her. Her devotion to learning influenced her children to enjoy reading to gain knowledge in many areas. Mrs. Cozean excelled in drama and enjoyed writing and producing plays for her children when they were young.

In addition to helping her husband with the family funeral business, she was an active member of many community organizations including Nancy Weber Garden Club, Sarah Barton Murphy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, John Forester Chapter of Daughters of the American Colonists, Rebekah Lodge Number 407, Eastern Star of Farmington, St. Francois County Cancer Society and United Methodist Church of Farmington.

Hugo and Zelda Cozean instilled in their children a love for knowledge, as evidenced by their successful careers in the fields of medicine, business, education and media. The lecture series is sponsored by Cozean family members: Dr. Charles H. Cozean Jr. of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; Dr. Jon Cozean of Farmington, Mo.; Dr. Mary Cozean Alexander of Panama City, Fla.; Nancy Cozean Jacob of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; Jodie Cozean Styron of Branson, Mo.; and the late Robin Cozean.