The Ozarka College Foundation Board of Directors will be sponsoring its annual Spring Gala on Saturday, April 2, 2005. The event includes prime rib dinner prepared by the culinary arts department to be served in the Ozarka College dining hall at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short program of entertainers. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be directed toward the Foundation’s ongoing efforts to provide scholarships and other opportunities for Ozarka students. Reservations are $50.00 per person.

For more information about the Gala event, to purchase tickets or make a donation, please contact James Spurlock in the Ozarka College Development Office at 870-994-7273.

Adult Ed Announces GED Testing for March

The GED Test will be given at Ozarka College in Melbourne, Arkansas on March 2 & 9 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 516 of the Wyth Duke Adult Education Building.

The test will also be given at the following locations in March:

- Mammoth Spring - Simmons First National Bank
  9:00 a.m.  March 7 & 21

- Salem - Courthouse
  9:00 a.m.  March 8 & 22

- Mountain View - Stone County Education Center
  9:00 a.m.  March 10 & 29

- Ash Flat - Courthouse
  9:00 a.m.  March 11 & 24

You must present an Arkansas photo ID, a Social Security Card, and proof of passing Practice Test scores dated after January 1, 2002. There is no cost to take the GED Test. However, if you plan on taking the test at any of these locations, you MUST register by calling Ozarka College at 368-7371 or 1-800-821-4335 before the day of the test. Because of increased demographic information needed, it will be necessary to allow two days for the testing.

Around Campus

- Collegiate Ministry Meetings are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., in the Dining Hall with Brother Bob Stewart.
- PTK- Tuesday, Feb. 22nd 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room)
- SAEA- Thursday, Feb. 24th 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room).
- Relay for Life - Thursday, Feb. 24th 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room).
- Foundation Board Meeting - 9:30AM March 1st, Board Room.
- Student Council - Thursday, March 3 at 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room).
- PBL - Thursday, March 10 at 11AM in C116 (Miller Compressed video room).

See Page Two for Transfer Events taking place in March.
Upcoming March TRiO Events

Through a federally funded grant program, Ozarka College offers services for many of its students. TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) provides academic, financial and personal support to eligible students at Ozarka College to assist them with their educational endeavors.

One such service provides students who want to further their education by transferring to a four year institution the opportunity to visit with representatives from four year colleges and universities.

On March 1, from 1-3:00 PM, TRiO will host the Ozarka College Transfer Day. Recruiters from the following institutions will set up in the Miller Building at Ozarka’s campus in Melbourne to visit with students:

♦ Arkansas State University
♦ Southern Arkansas University
♦ Henderson State College
♦ College of the Ozarks
♦ Williams Baptist College
♦ Lyon College
♦ University of Central Arkansas
♦ University of Arkansas at Little Rock
♦ University of Arkansas
♦ Arkansas Tech
♦ Arkansas Student Loan Authority

On March 2, 3, 9 and 10, students who are planning to transfer to UCA in the 2005 Fall semester will be able to tour the campus, complete their application process and register for classes.

On March 31 ASU representatives will visit the Ozarka College Melbourne campus to visit with students who are transferring to ASU in the 2005 Fall semester. They will be able to complete their application process and register for Summer and/or Fall classes.

Ozarka Academic Advising Coordinator for TRiO, Deltha Shell stresses, “these events are open to ALL Ozarka College students, not just those students who are in the TRiO program.” For further information or to sign up for the UCA or ASU dates, contact Shell in the TRiO office located in the Miller Complex, 368-2034, or via email, dshell@ozarka.edu.

Ozarka College’s TRiO Student Support Services program is funded by the U.S. Department of Education’s Federal TRiO Programs. All activities and services offered to the students in SSS are made possible through these grant funds. Announcement made in accordance with Public Law 105-78 Sec. 508.

LPN Apps Through April 1

Ozarka Admissions Department is currently accepting applications for the 18 month Licensed Practical Nursing program that will begin during the Fall 2005 Semester. The deadline for persons interested in applying for this program is April 1st at Noon.

For details on admission requirements or to apply, contact Randy Scaggs at 870-368-2028 or 800-821-4335 outside Izard County.
Culinary to Host Restaurant Night and Cookbook Sales

The Ozarka College Culinary Arts and Hospitality Department will host a “Restaurant Night” on Friday, March 4th at 5:30 and 7:00 PM, in the Main Dining Hall of Ozarka in Melbourne. Culinary Instructor, Chef Rick Tankersley, requests that anyone interested in attending this event call for reservations.

The menu for this meal will include prime rib, filet mignon, shrimp scampi, and grilled salmon. The price of $18 per person, will include entrée, sides, dessert and beverage.

Tankersley explains, “the students are responsible for the entire event, including menu planning, seating, food preparation and service. This is a realistic learning experience for the students and a wonderful opportunity for patrons to receive a top notch meal.”

The students are also in the midst of a fundraiser to raise money to attend the Skills USA competition. They have put together a cookbook which includes many of the culinary department’s signature recipes. Wal-Mart of Batesville has agreed to let the students sell their cookbooks at the store on March 12. The books sell for $10 and anyone interested in purchasing cookbooks can contact the culinary department at 368-2062.

Ozarka’s Drama Club to Host Arkansas Arts Center’s “King Arthur and the Magic Sword”

The Ozarka College Drama Club will present the Arkansas Arts Center Tell-A-Tale Troupe’s production of “King Arthur and the Magic Sword” on Wednesday, March 2, 2005 in the Miller Auditorium on the Melbourne campus of Ozarka College.

The production is at 10:00 AM. Tickets for the show are $2.00, with free admission to teachers and bus drivers. Area schools are invited and encouraged to attend this play. The performance will last approximately an hour and a talkback session with the actors will follow immediately after the play for anyone interested in staying.

Guided by the wisest and most famous magician in the land, a young boy sets out upon a quest to recover a lost sword of magic and power. His mind reeling with notions of adventure and conquest, young Arthur soon learns that the dragons he must conquer are of the heart and mind. Arthur’s friend and mentor, Merlin, teaches him the treasures of a true king—honor, honesty, justice, wisdom, and mercy.

Ozarka College Speech and Theater instructor, Judy Cannady says, “We already have quite a few seats reserved, and we were completely booked for the last production. Therefore, anyone planning to attend this performance should contact me as soon as possible to guarantee seating.”

Home school groups, private and public schools are invited to attend this event. Tickets may be purchased at the door, but reservations should be made in advance by contacting Cannady at 870-368-2073, toll free, 800-821-4335, or email jcannady@ozarka.edu.

Plans Set for Auction in Mt. View

The Ozarka College Foundation Board of Directors are planning a benefit auction and music show in Mountain View on April 5, 2005. Perryman and Perryman Auction Company will conduct the auction of the many varied items donated by local businesses and individuals. A list of auction items will be published at a later date.

Music will be provided by The Leatherwoods, Home Made Jam and River Rats. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be directed toward the Foundation’s ongoing efforts to collect money to construct a science lab in the new Ozarka College facility currently being built in Mountain View.

This benefit will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Ozark Folk Center on April 5. For more information about the event, call Susan Kemp at 870-269-8523 or Gin Brown at 870-368-7371.
Relay For Life Slated for July -- Ozarka Forming Team

Izard County will host the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life for its third consecutive year. Several Ozarka College faculty, staff, administrators, and students have expressed an interest in forming a team for the Relay this summer.

The actual Relay for Life walking event will take place at the walking trail, adjacent to the college on July 15th from 6PM until 6AM the following morning. Ozarka's Adult Education/Learning Lab Manager, Trish Miller, has been a part of the Izard County Relay for Life since the beginning and has initialized the effort to coordinate a team for Ozarka College.

She explains that even though the Relay for Life is taking place in July, most of the fundraising should be done prior to the night's event.

After several interested Ozarka employees met a couple of weeks, a kick-off fundraising effort has been set to take place the week of February 28 through March 4, entitled "Ozarka, Helping Change Lives by Giving Change."

“We want to make it easy for people to donate by setting up collection jars for loose change,” states Miller and adds, “We have discussed several ways to give, and we thought this would be fun and easy for anyone.”

There is another meeting scheduled for 11AM, February 24 in the common area outside of the bookstore in the Main Building. Anyone interested in joining these efforts is invited to attend. Miller also notes that for those students or any others who may not be able to attend the actual Relay event on July 15, can still join the team and help the efforts of the American Cancer Society's fight against cancer.