Around 160 tickets were sold this year for the Ozarka Foundation Board’s Annual Spring Gala which took place on April 2nd in the Dining Room of Ozarka College in Melbourne.

The Culinary Arts students, led by Chef Richard Tankersley, Assistant, Linda Taylor, and the Ozarka College Kitchen staff, led by Mimi Newsome, served a top quality meal that included prime rib and mouthwatering desserts.

After the dinner, entertainment was provided by Ozarka administrators and faculty, Gayle Cooper, Karla Rush, Sandra Miller, and Judy Cannady; along with friends of the college and local entertainers, Eddie Creighton, Randall Lovelace, Janet Yancey, and Katherine Smithson. Vice President of Student Services, Ron Helm assisted the group with sound and music.

Ozarka President, Douglas Rush welcomed guests and Foundation Chairman, Marty Sellars thanked guests for their support of the college and its students, as well as recognizing the efforts of the Foundation members for their hard work.

Sellars extended an invitation for guests to attend the benefit auction in Mountain View on April 5th to raise funds for the science lab in the new facility currently under construction. He also explained a new concept in fundraising through Simplified Planned Giving.

The Ozarka College Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt charitable foundation to assist with the development and enhancement of programs and facilities at the College by encouraging gifts of money and property and by managing these gifts so as to maintain or increase their value, with all endeavors focusing on expanded educational opportunities for and service to Ozarka’s students and community.

To make a donation or find out more about the Foundation Board’s work, please contact Ozarka’s Development Office, at 870-368-7371, or in Sharp County, 870-994-7273.
GED Springfest Gets an Extreme Makeover

On March 31, students from Ozarka College’s Adult Education Department were honored at the tenth annual “Springfest” dinner. Approximately 20 GED students along with their family and friends attended the event themed around reality television’s popular show, Extreme Makeover.

Ozarka students, faculty, staff and administrators entertained the guests with several skits showcasing the departments, programs and services available to college students at Ozarka.

After the entertainment, guests were served hamburgers and French fries along with desserts, all of which were provided by Ozarka Kitchen staff and Culinary Arts.

The Adult Education Program offers basic adult education classes and GED testing in Fulton, Izard, Sharp and Stone Counties. Classes are available at no charge during the daytime and also in the evenings in each county for any person interested in receiving their high school equivalency diploma. For more information about the class schedule in your area, contact the adult education at 870-368-7371 or toll free 800-821-4335.

Kids College Begins May 31

Ozarka College will hold its annual College For Kids summer program at the Melbourne campus during the week of May 31-June 3. The program will include courses for students who have completed first through eighth grades at the end of the 2004-05 school year. The theme of this year’s program is “Learn For Life” and the subjects will include golf, scrap booking, cake decorating, science, painting, gardening, and more. Limited enrollment will be available for these classes which will meet from noon to 4:30 from Tuesday, May 31 through Friday, June 3, 2005.

For an application packet, contact Ozarka College at 368-7371.
Ozarka Receives Keys to Ash Flat Facility

Tuesday, March 22nd, Ozarka College Officials met with Frank McGary, architect and Noacon, Inc. representatives for a final walkthrough of the new 16,000 square foot facility that will house Ozarka College Ash Flat, located on College Drive. After going through the building in detail, McGary (right), handed the keys over to Ozarka College President, Douglas Rush (left). Also pictured is Vice President of Finance, Gayle Cooper.

Ozarka College Ash Flat will begin Summer classes in the new facility beginning in June and an open house has been planned for May 23rd with tours of the building being given during the week of May 23-27.

PC Security Class Begins April 20

Ozarka College, in conjunction with Education To Go, will offer a new course in computer security starting April 20, 2005. This course, taught by security expert Debbie Mahler, is designed to bring computer users up to speed on the fundamentals of Personal Computer and network security. Students will learn how to assess a computer’s vulnerability to outside sources and how to implement simple solutions to minimize risks from computer viruses, etc.

According to Mahler, there are simple things you can do to minimize risk and keep your personal and business information private and still use email, the internet and networks. In this course, Mahler provides students with an explanation of the many types of security issues and how to guard against them.

This class is one among many online classes being offered for students who wish to earn continuing education training from the convenience of home or work, and at any time day or night.

To read more about this or one of over 200 online classes, visit www.ed2go.com/ozarka or call 368-7371.

April 3rd Began
Arkansas Children’s Week

April 3-9 is Arkansas Children’s Week. The Ozarka Kids Academy has several activities planned for the week, which was kicked off on Monday with Mayor Mike Cone reading a Proclamation on behalf of the City of Melbourne to Annette Mitchell’s classes at the Academy. Ozarka College President, Doug Rush also visited the young students in Mitchell’s classroom.
Culinary Students

Kitchen Supervisor Mimi Newsome assisting Randall and Kim Lovelace.

Loyal supporter, Gwen Lea (left) with her guests.

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Karla Rush

Tina Wheelis

John and Kena Tyler